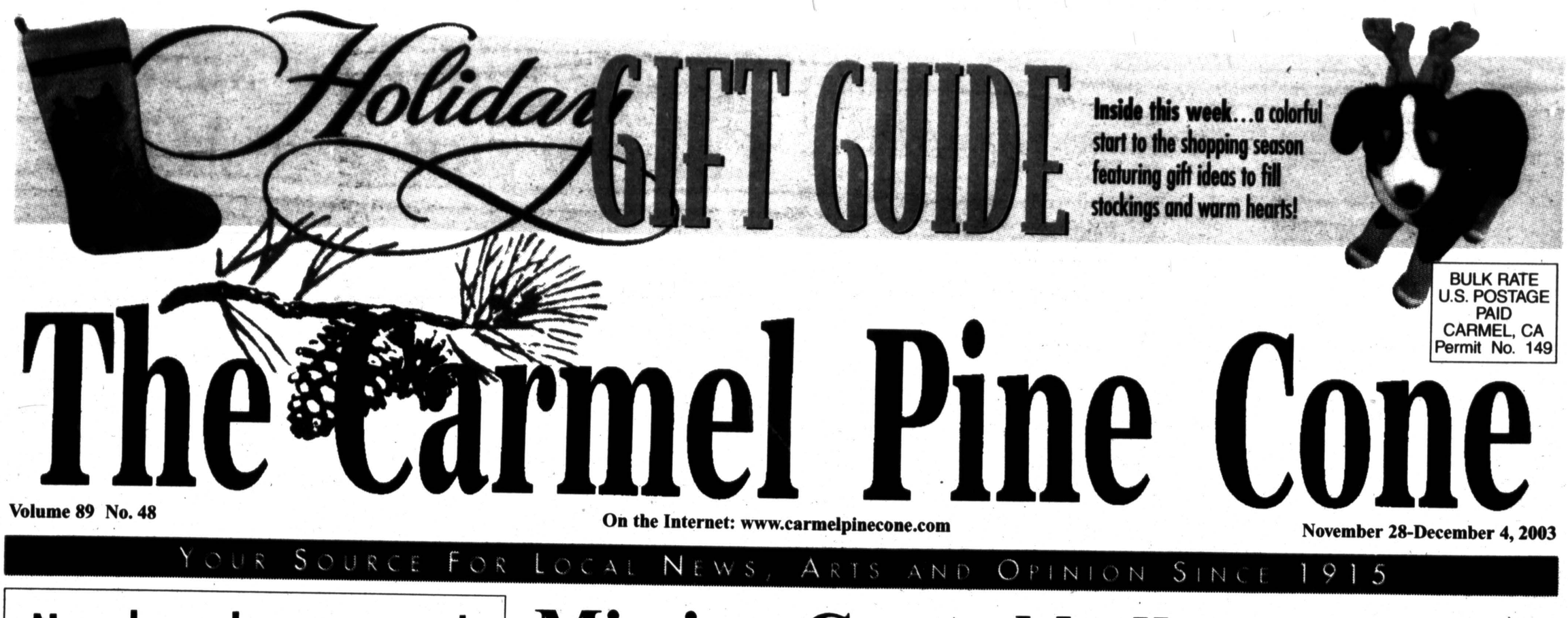
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New board to get crack at P.B. water project

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AN ORDINANCE permitting Pebble Beach Company to sell some of its water to pay for an expanded recycled water project received unanimous approval from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District board of directors this week. But with major players — including the P.B. Co., the two public agencies which own and operate the system, and the recycled water users group — dissatisfied and threatening to refuse to sign their contracts to implement it, the law will likely change again.

"This will be coming back for reconsideration," director Alvin Edwards promised after the vote late Monday night. According to district rules, any director voting with the majority on an item can request it be heard again. When the board meets Dec. 15, three new directors — Larry Foy, Michelle Knight and Kristi Markey — will be sworn in to replace outgoing directors Zan Henson, Kris Lindstrom and Molly Erickson.

The new law permits the company to sell some of its 365-acre-foot water entitlement to Del Monte Forest residents in order to raise the estimated $22 million it will cost to expand a Carmel wastewater treatment plant and put Forest Lake Reservoir back into action. The improvements will yield greater quantities of higher quality recycled water for use on open space in the forest where drinking water is currently used to offset the high salinity of treated wastewater.

While the proposal was first brought by the company to the district more than two years ago, its final iteration contains provisions unpalatable to the groups

*See **RECYCLED** page 13A*

Missing Carmel ballots replaced

By PAUL MILLER

WITH ONLY a few days left before the deadline for voting on a half-cent sales tax increase for Natividad Medical Center, election officials had to send out last-minute replacement ballots this week to more than 20 Carmel residents whose original ballots got lost in the mail.

"Last Sunday, all of a sudden I realized I hadn't gotten a ballot, and neither had my husband," said Joyce Frasca, who lives on Franciscan Way at the south end of town. "We called people on different streets in our neighborhood, and none of them had ballots, either."

'I personally talked to at least 18 people, and not one of them got their ballot.'
— Sarah Berling

"I personally talked to at least 18 people, and not one of them got their ballot," agreed Sarah Berling, who also lives on Franciscan Way.

An investigation by officials with the Monterey County elections office discovered that numerous residents on Franciscan Way, Ridgewood, Lasuen and Junipero hadn't received election materials sent to them more than two weeks ago.

"We've been in contact with officials at the post office at the mouth of the valley, and they're trying to figure out what happened," said Monterey County Registrar of Voters Tony Anchundo.

Mayor Sue McCloud lives in the area where the ballots went missing, but she got hers.

"I have a P.O. box, and it was just people with home delivery who had the problem," McCloud said. She had also been in touch with postal officials to try to figure out what went wrong.

The hotly contested Measure Q, which would raise funds for Natividad Medical Center in Salinas, needs a two-thirds majority to pass. Every vote is critical, Measure Q supporters say.

*See **BALLOTS** page 17A*

PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Elections official Carldene Rollman checked for missing ballots from one Carmel neighborhood Tuesday. More than 20 apparently were waylaid in the mail, she said, and urged anyone who didn't receive a ballot to call the elections office.

BIZARRE TALE OF HIT-AND-RUN

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A MAN ~~who hit~~ a woman with his car in a crosswalk on Carmel's busiest street Friday afternoon stopped only to swear at her, according to Sgt. Pete Poitras. And in an almost unbelievable chain of events, victim Michelle Moore said nobody stopped to help her or call the police after she was thrown to the ground.

"She was in the roadway at Dolores and Ocean, crossing Dolores, and this car came up and banged into her," Poitras said. "The male driver yelled, 'You @#$%ing @#&!,' and drove into the opposite lane to get around her. He never did stop and render aid."

The 19-year-old Carmel woman told police she was hit after pushing an elderly woman out of the path of the oncoming car. She was left with a twisted back, bruises to her back and right hip, and pain in her head.

"She said there were several people around, but no one offered to render assistance," Poitras said. "She thought someone had notified police, so she called her father, who responded to the scene and drove her to the hospital."

Police didn't learn of the hit-and-run until an hour after the accident, when someone called from Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula to report the woman had been injured in a crime. Officers visited the scene of the hit-and-run and interviewed Moore after she was released.

Moore described the driver as a male in his 40s with gray, curly hair, wearing sunglasses and driving a forest green Chrysler convertible with a black top. She could not supply a license plate number but said the car might have had out-

*See **HIT-AND-RUN** page 7A*

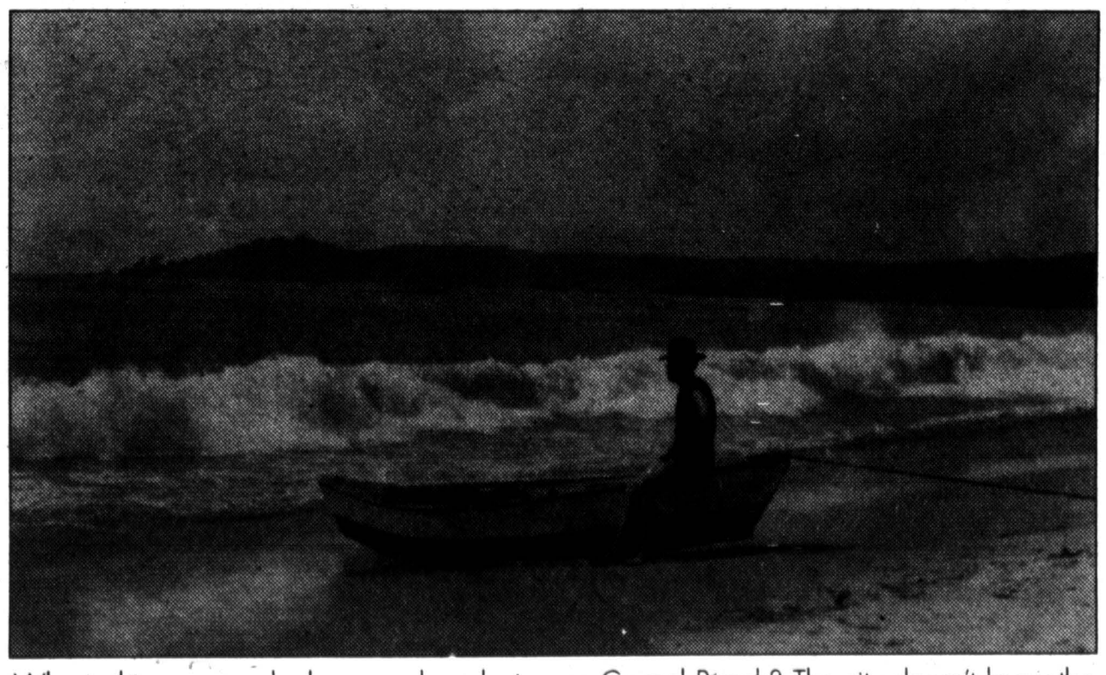
'Horse trough, Ocean and San Carlos, 1916'

■ CITY TO SELL HISTORIC PHOTO BOOKS

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL MISSION without a roof, a scene from the Forest Theater's inaugural show and Carmel's first post office are among the images of a bygone era compiled in a city-published paperback. Four dozen photographs spanning six decades are included in the new book, "Carmel-by-the-Sea: Glimpses of Yesterday," which should be available to the public just in time for Christmas, according to Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud.

"Somebody who came into the display happened to mention the idea in passing, so we ran with it," she said of the plan to publish much of the collection hanging in the Marjorie Evans Gallery at Sunset Center. "It was one of those very good, spontaneous ideas that just came about."



Who is this man, and when was he relaxing on Carmel Beach? The city doesn't know the details, but nonetheless selected this photo for the cover of its softcover book, "Carmel-by-the-Sea: Glimpses of Yesterday," because it offers not a story, but a glimpse.

The photos tell of the unusual, often humorous development of Carmel-by-the-Sea from village to thriving town.

An early image from the 1880s portrays a woman reading in front of a ruined Carmel Mission, including a roofless, rubble-strewn chapel. A circa-1888 poster shows Monterey realtor Santiago Duckworth's efforts to market Carmel as a "Catholic Summer Resort." Failing, he sold the land to developers Frank Deven-

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Senate filibuster saves Cal-Am suit over MTBE

By PAUL MILLER

THE PRESIDENT'S energy bill was killed in the United States Senate last Friday, giving new life to a Cal-Am lawsuit against the nation's big oil companies over MTBE pollution of groundwater.

The energy bill, designed to increase the nation's domestic energy supplies but criticized for containing too much pork, would have given the oil companies immunity from MTBE suits filed after Sept. 5. Cal-Am's was filed Sept. 30.

The $31 billion bill easily passed the House of Representatives early last week, but Friday only 57 senators voted to end debate on the bill, killing it for this year. According to Senate rules, 60 votes are required to cut off debate and bring a bill to a vote, effectively giving a minority veto power over legislation, judicial nominees and the like.

According to the New York Times, Bush administration officials said they would revive the energy bill next year. The Sept. 5 cutoff for MTBE suits could be in the new bill.

Cal-Am's suit, filed in Monterey County but covering Cal-Am operations in numerous parts of California, accused Exxon, Texaco, Mobil and other petrochemical companies of "despicable" conduct for adding MTBE to gasoline as part of a national push to reduce tailpipe emissions. The chemical leaked from underground storage tanks into water supplies, including one well in Carmel Valley, according to the lawsuit.

More than 100 suits against oil companies were filed nationwide between Sept. 5 and Sept. 30.

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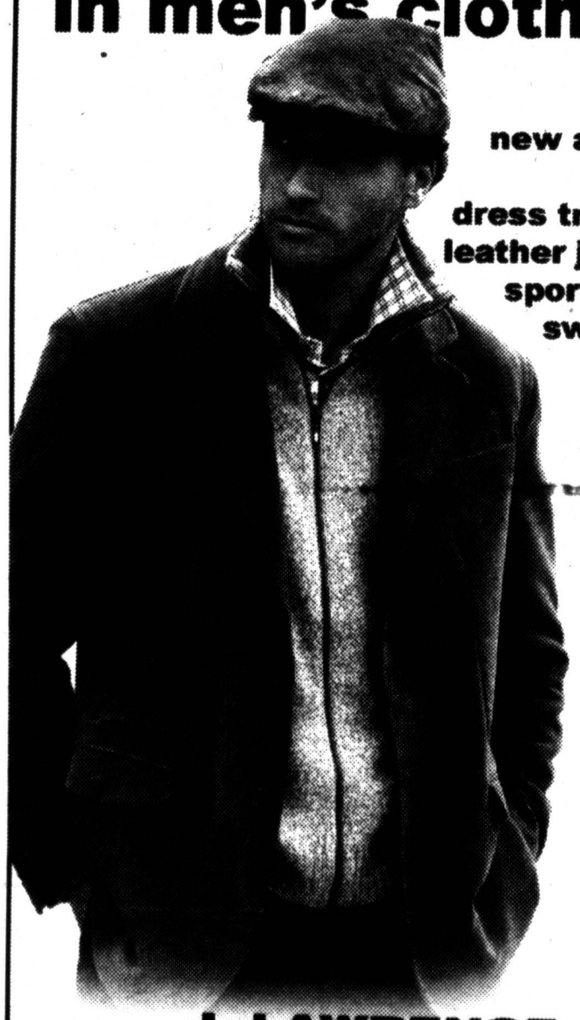
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Man and his mother told not to camp in van

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of items of jewelry missing from a room at a San Carlos Street inn. Loss valued at $1,050.

Carmel Valley: Information taken at a Schulte Road address.

Pebble Beach: Audible burglary alarm at a Bristol Lane residence.

Pebble Beach: Grand theft, possible burglary at a Presidio Road residence.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Petty theft from a grocery store at San Carlos and Seventh. Subject stole $18 worth of consumable goods during business hours. Clerk provided a description of the subject.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver of a gray 2003 Chevy Suburban backed out of the post office parking lot driveway into a white 2003 Honda parked across the street.

Big Sur: Suicide attempt in the area of Pfeiffer on Sycamore Canyon Road.

Big Sur: Citizen contacted on Highway 1 66 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Carmel area: Suspicious circumstances at a Cuesta Way residence.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject contacted in Larson Field at 2150 hours for sleeping in his vehicle. He was advised of the municipal code. Investigation discovered he had an argument with his wife and left home. His wife was contacted via phone and she was all right. He returned home and was requested to avoid further conflict.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Consentual contact was conducted on a pedestrian at San Carlos and Sixth at 2248 hours. He was on his way to

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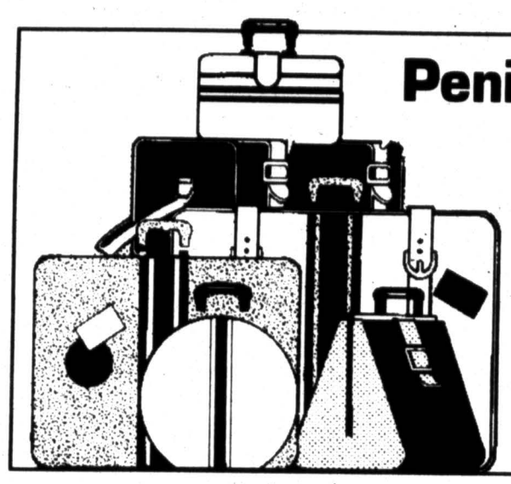

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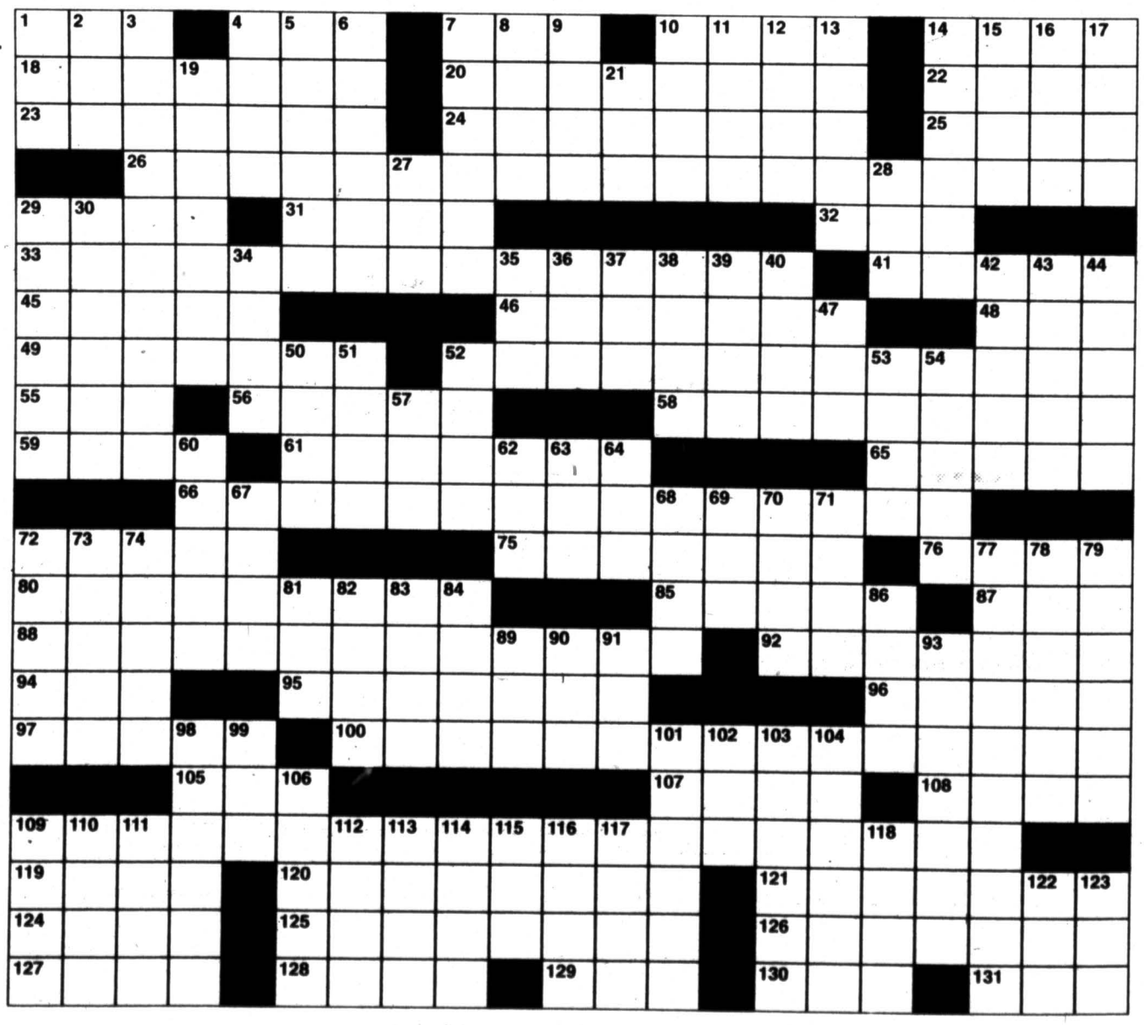

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1 Bug
4 Head of Parliament?
7 "Ben-Hur" studio
10 Sticking point
14 [Just like that!]
18 Ballet performer
20 Big name in electronics
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23 ___ Stone
24 Colleague of Jonathan Higgins, in 80's TV
25 Any
26 Fair that's losing money?
29 Bygone dictator
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61 Basic Toyota
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66 Going from the desert to the rain forest?
72 Popular shirts
75 Retired faculty
76 Brew
80 Early winter fruit
85 Building block, informally
87 "___War," Shatner series title
88 Square footage?
92 Starchy food
94 Darn, e.g.
95 Football play
96 Remove from a set level, as a currency
97 Trample
100 Broaching of a subject?
105 Last word of "America, the Beautiful"
107 Sense
108 Responsibilities, so to speak
109 Action taken by an irate pope?
119 Prefix with angular
120 Valhalla resident
121 Like jeans for teens
124 Gulf of ___
125 A second shift, possibly
126 Noted Bolshevik
127 Nigerian-born pop star
128 Stole material
129 "___ Liaisons Dangereuses"
130 Not hither
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1 Pres. from Hyde Park
2 Relative of Thai
3 No good
4 Certain Baltic
5 Best in the dining room
6 Kool-Aid choice
7 1997 #1 Hanson hit
8 Soccer announcer's cry
9 Homeowner's concern: Abbr.
10 Heart
11 Many a Marx Brothers movie
12 Dinner in a bowl
13 Tailor's measure
14 Casual eatery
15 French possessive
16 Fish in a Disney film
17 ___ Detective (1930's-50's crime fiction magazine)
19 Mack ___, who created the Keystone Kops
21 Solitary
27 ___-en-Provence
28 "___ Sam" (2001 Penn-Pfeiffer flick)
29 Fund-raising letter
30 Floor material
34 Diamond on stage
35 Summer on the Seine
36 A Bobbsey twin
37 A.M.A. members: Abbr.
38 Give ___ for ...!" (intro phrase)
39 Mission control grp.
40 Neutral-colored: Var.
42 Economy-size
43 Sore spot
44 "___ luck!"
47 Milk carton abbr.
50 Prefix with bel
51 Ancient land south of the Dead Sea
52 Geezer
53 Hood
54 Most of them have lines
57 Lilt syllable
60 Look displeased
62 Wranglers alternative
63 Moon vehicle, briefly
64 Fire truck equipment
67 Future J.D.'s hurdle
68 Suffix with techno-
69 "That's ___!" (cry at a lineup)
70 Wrangling
71 NPR's Totenberg
72 "Your attention, please"
73 "___ Majesty's Secret Service"
74 Lerner's partner
77 Wishful thinking?
78 Clothed
79 Bluegrass musician Ricky
81 Apiece
82 Foreword: Abbr.
83 Author of "Christ Stopped at Eboli"
84 Swimming laps, e.g.: Abbr.
86 Concerto, e.g.
89 ___-80 (old computer model)
90 Faddish training, once
91 Born
93 "To sum up ..."
98 Judicial inquiry
99 Ruby, for one
101 Unsolved cases, in TV lingo
102 Chest muscle, for short
103 Land
104 Corrida sight
106 Basic assumption
109 Military meal
110 Blue hue
111 Like some polluters
112 10th-century annum
113 Broken mirror, say
114 Robin Williams TV character
115 "The A-Team" actor
116 Monopoly square: Abbr.
117 Finger, in a way
118 Exultant cry
122 Jamaican music
123 Give the once-over

Answer to puzzle on page 17A

Mortgage company burglars leave long evidence trail

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AFTER CUTTING through a fence and trying to pry open a door, a burglar (or burglars) hurled a rock through the back window of a Carmel Rancho Boulevard mortgage company Sunday night. The culprits stole four laptop computers left in plain view inside the offices of RBC Mortgage Company, according to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

"It was called in as vandalism — somebody got to work and saw the window was broken," Sgt. Scott Ragan said. "Then the deputy got there and walked through and found a bunch of computers and equipment missing."

Deputies discovered that, while leaving the scene, the suspects left a trail of footprints from the fence heading onto Carmel Valley Road, where a note containing a name, number and possible website address was found, according to the report. Investigators discovered additional evidence at the scene, including latent fingerprints and shoe prints, which were cast.

Ragan said the sheriff's department has yet to sift through the evidence and attempt to match the prints with those in the several databases at its disposal.

Investigators are also conferring with Monterey police, since another RBC Mortgage office in that city was similarly burglarized the night of Nov. 20 and several computers were taken.

Do you know this man?

Carmel police hope you do, since he's the one who grabbed an $11,000 Breitling Navitimer watch out of the hand of a stunned store clerk at Greenwich Time Nov. 4 and then fled, laughing as he went out the door. This image was taken from the store's surveillance tape by the Department of Justice, according to Carmel Police Detective Buck Melton. The suspect is described as a white male, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighing about 170 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. Police are asking anyone with information to call 624-6403.

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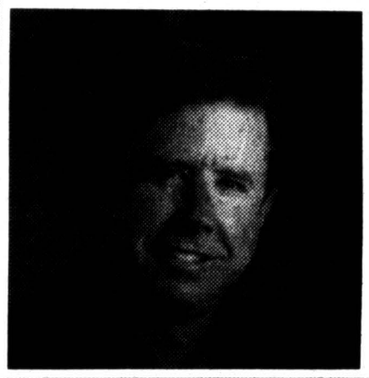

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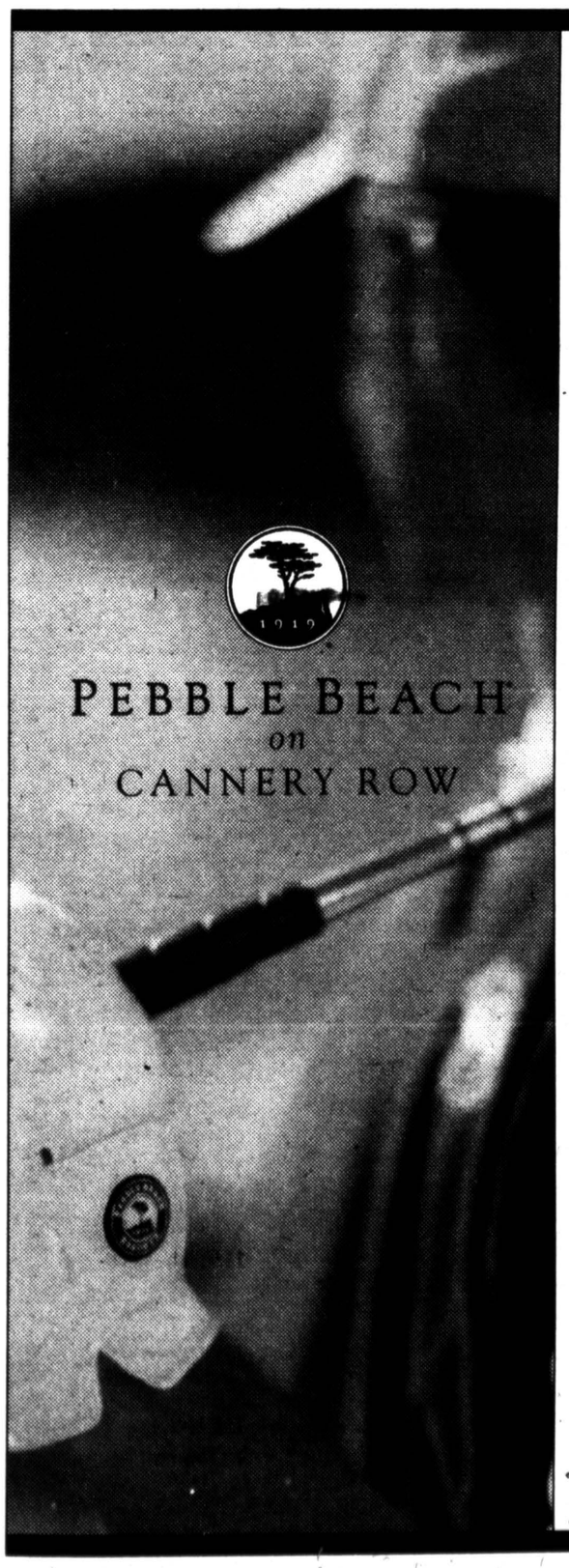

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PACIFIC GROVE WOMAN SUES ANOTHER MOTEL

By PAUL MILLER

MARY MARQUES-CARAMICO sued a ninth Pacific Grove business late last month, accusing the Wilkie's Inn on Lighthouse Avenue of "knowingly and intentionally" discriminating against disabled people.

Since last spring, Marques-Caramico has sued five other motels, two restaurants and a pet store in Pacific Grove. She also sued the city, alleging handicapped access problems at numerous city-owned facilities.

Marques-Caramico's latest suit, in which she is again represented by ADA specialist Keith Cable, doesn't contain specific allegations against the Wilkie's Inn, which is owned by Rakesh and Falguni Patel, except that it has "multiple and pervasive architectural barriers," including a "lack of accessible guest rooms, inaccessible entrances and other inaccessible elements."

Falguni Patel said she couldn't answer specific questions about the suit. But she said that, as far as she knew, Marques-Caramico "didn't come here and didn't stay here." She and her husband "work 24 hours a day and we never saw her, so we were surprised when the guy came here and gave us the paper [summons]."

Marques-Caramico, whose muscular dystrophy has forced her to use a wheelchair for 25 years, didn't respond to questions seeking information about her experiences at the inn, including whether she had tried to stay there.

After news coverage of her earlier suits, Marques-Caramico said she had received "threats you wouldn't believe" from people who thought her lawsuits were akin to extortion.

She wasn't filing the suits for herself, she said, but "for all the people who can't get into these places and they don't have a voice." She said she always tried to work with businesses to improve ADA access and filed lawsuits as a last resort.

However, in addition to Patel's statement that her inn got no warning of a possible lawsuit, the owner of another business targeted by Marques-Caramico said he also had no idea she, or any other disabled person, had complaints about handicap access at his business until he was sued.

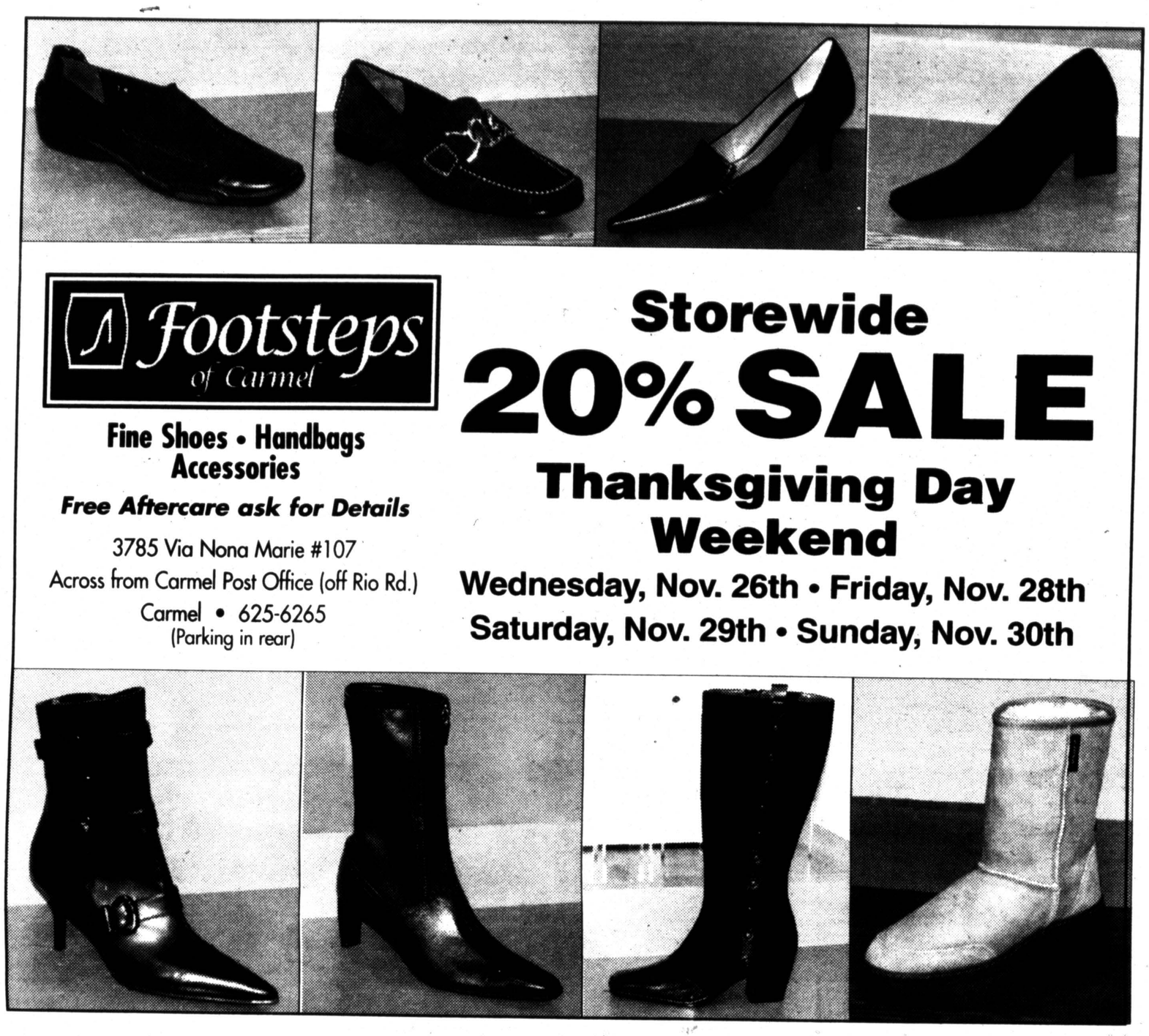
Meanwhile, the ADA Notification Act, sponsored by Florida Congressman Mark Foley, has been put on the back burner until after next year's presidential election, according to a lobbyist for shopping center owners.

"Politicians don't want to be seen tampering with such a sensitive issue as the rights of the handicapped close to an election," said Elizabeth Holland.

The act would amend the 1990 ADA to require that business owners be notified of access complaints and be given a window of time to fix them before lawsuits could be filed.

P.G. Chamber of Commerce President Moe Ammar said his organization had assembled a large library of materials to help businesses comply with handicap access laws. "Anybody can walk in the chamber office and go through it," Ammar said.

He also said the chamber would lobby Congress to pass the Foley bill and that a staff member for Sam Farr said the congressman would help. Chamber officials will meet with Farr in early December, Ammar said.



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HIT-AND-RUN

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of-state plates.

At a loss for leads and witnesses — in a town where people call the cops when a dog is left in a parked car — Poitras asked anyone who has any information on the hit-and-run to contact the Carmel Police Department at 624-6403.

"If anybody happened to see this and assumed someone else called, would they please call us? It could help in the investigation," he said. The driver could face felony charges for a hit-and-run causing injuries.

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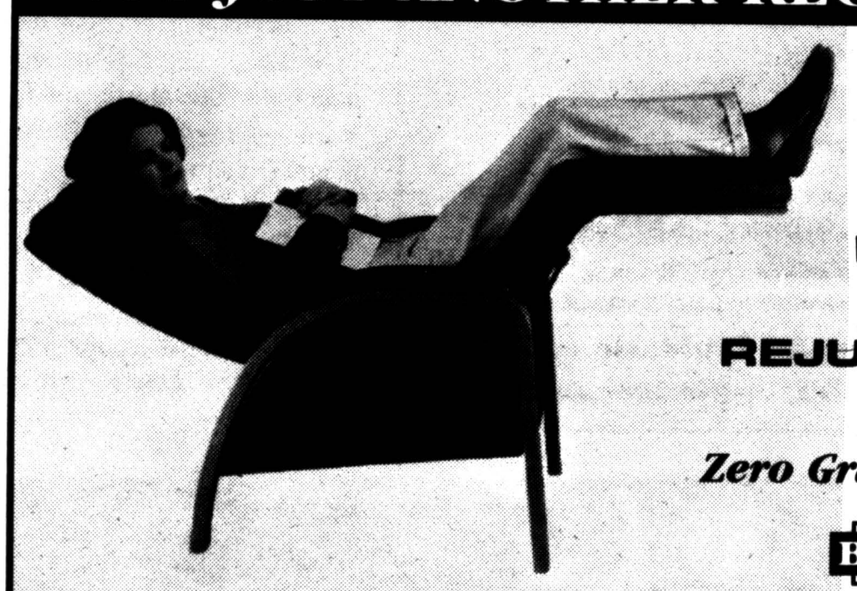

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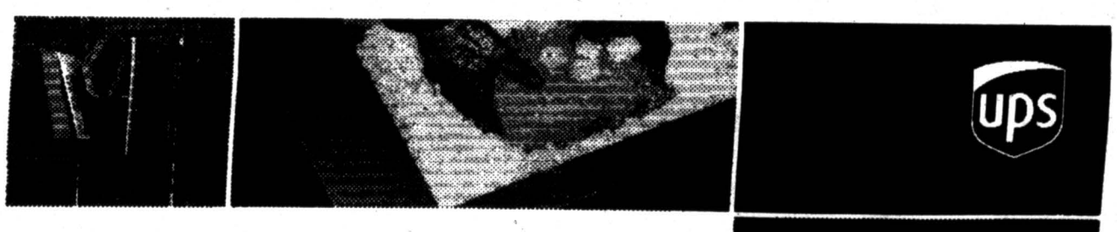

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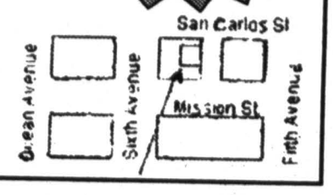

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Afghan student's struggle begat high aspirations

By REGAN CAREY

THE TALIBAN cut short her education when it came to power in Afghanistan in 1996, and its enforcers once beat her brother because he allowed her out in public without a burqa.

But when Nadia Hashima spoke to the Carmel Rotary Club last week, she began by saying she would not be sharing her personal story "because it's past, and I want to focus on the present and the future."

She then told the story of CARE — the international humanitarian organization she worked for in Afghanistan before winning a scholarship to study at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Only after her presentation, in response to questions, did Hashima divulge details of her life in the mountainous nation that has been ruled by four different regimes since 1980, the year she was born.

Hashima was in her last year of high school when the Taliban came to power in 1996. Almost immediately, the ultra-strict Muslims shut down the nation's only television station and, in their first radio broadcast, announced that girls would no longer be allowed to go to school, and women could not leave the house at all unless accompanied by a male relative and clothed in a burqa — a garment that totally shrouds the body with only a dark grid through which to see. The edicts for men were also strict — they could expect to go to jail for six months if they were seen in public without a beard.

In an interview with The Pine Cone ,Hashima said her parents valued education very highly — proved when they let her come to this country by herself to study — so they took her education into their own hands. She learned English, which she now speaks impeccably, from father's British English audio cassettes. Her mother started a school in the family home for Hashima and other neighborhood girls. However, the Taliban soon found out and threatened to kill Hashima's father and brother unless they shut down the school. At that point, the family decided to move to Pakistan, where they lived as refugees the remaining five years of Taliban rule.

While in Pakistan, the burden of supporting the family fell on Hashima and her younger brother, because her father, who had been an attorney in Afghanistan, could not get a work permit. The two siblings wove rugs 16 hours a day for two years. Then her mother established a high school for refugees, and Hashima worked in the office and taught what she had only recently begun to learn — English. She also taught Muslim studies.

She had another run-in with the Taliban when she and her brother went back to

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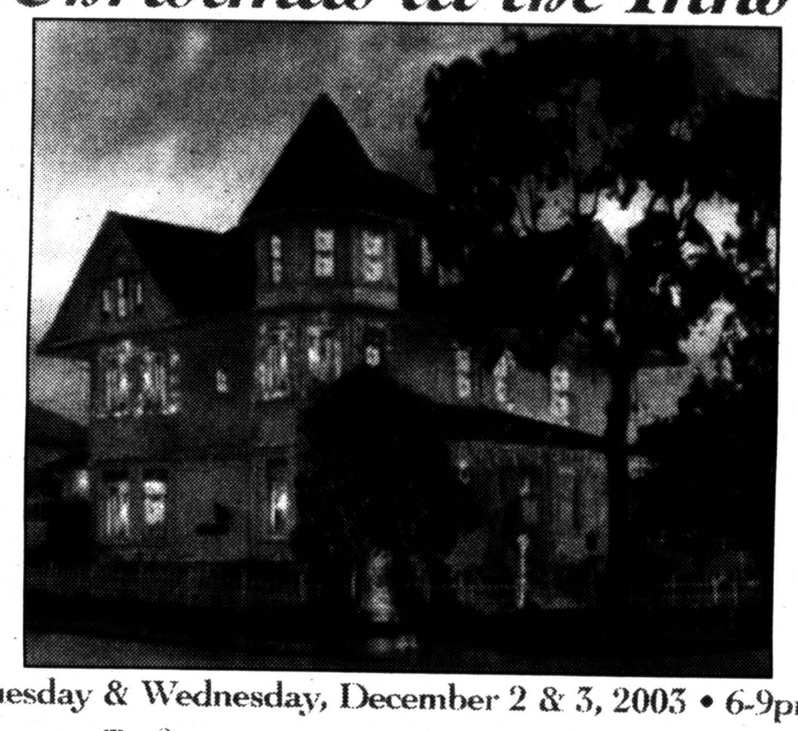
Christmas at the Inns



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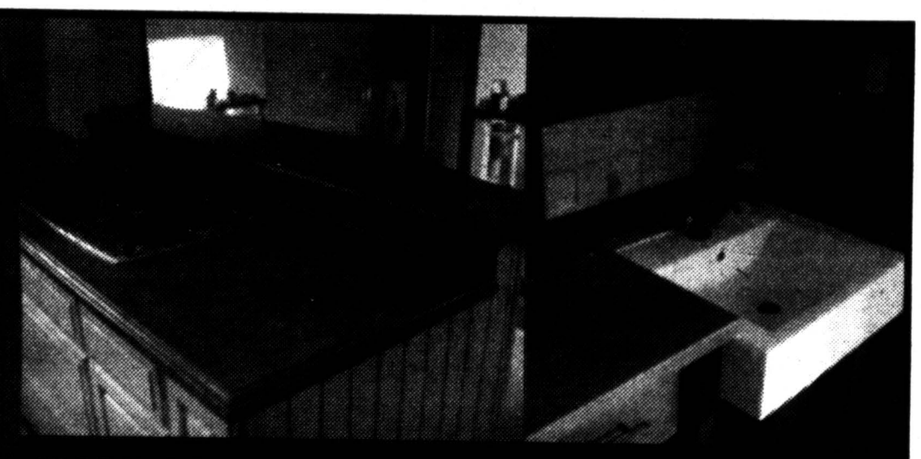

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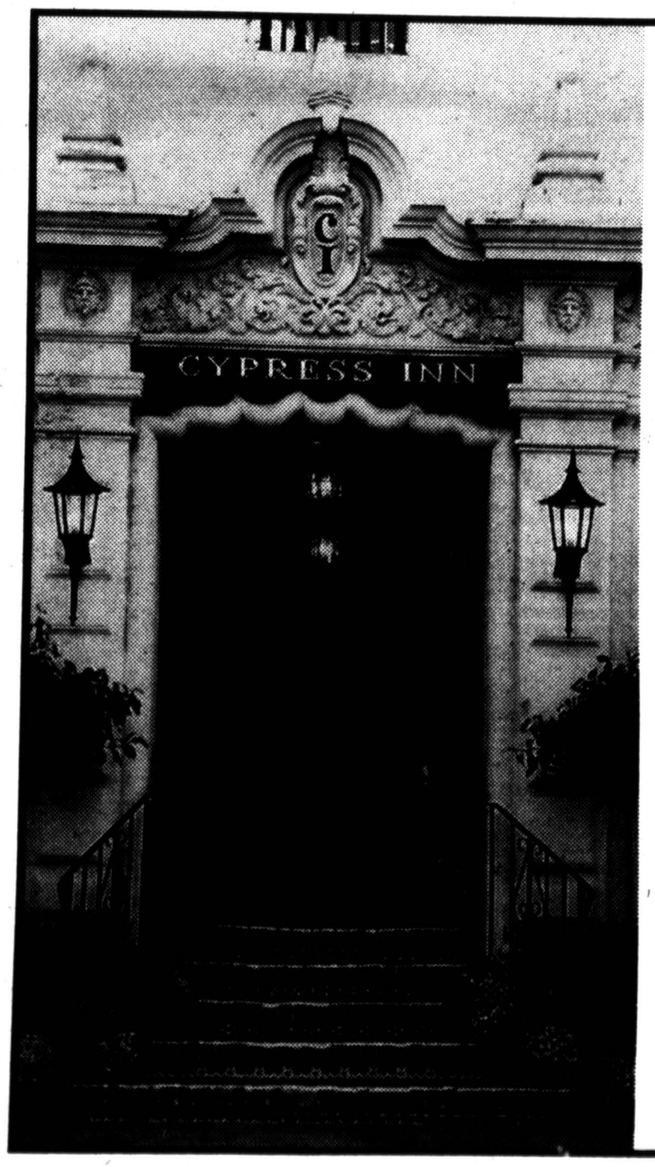

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CRIMINALS MAKE OFF WITH HEAVY FOUNTAIN

By MARY BROWNFIELD

BRAWNY THIEVES hit Brinton's last weekend, according to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, which reported the store suffered a loss of $1,450.

"The store estimated it would take at least two people to move them," Sgt. Scott Ragan said of the fountains stolen and damaged sometime between the store's closing on Nov. 21 and opening the following morning.

James Morris, manager and buyer for the garden center, said the thieves stole the lighter of the two fountains, which was made of polycarbonate.

"The other, they just damaged the top part, because it was so heavy they couldn't lift it," he said. Although the store is considering the incident more of a vandalism than a theft, since so much other merchandise outside the garden center door was left undisturbed, Morris said management still decided to make some changes.

"We brought all our Christmas trees inside, just in case," he said. "In this area, you don't expect [crime] as much."

'We brought all our Christmas trees inside, just in case.'

— James Morris

Ragan said no suspects have been identified.

Other than keeping the expensive decoration for themselves, the thieves might try to fence the fountain at a flea market, he surmised.

"It's not like the car stereos and power tools and more common things usually being fenced," he said. "But it would probably go pretty quickly."

Valley tree lighting Dec. 5

THE 75-foot-tall Christmas tree which has come to life on a Carmel Valley hillside each December since 1963 will be lit again this year on Friday, Dec. 5 during a 6 p.m. ceremony. Carmel Valley Fire Protection District board member Sharon Blair will set the tree ablaze as residents mingle, sip holiday beverages and nibble on treats during the community gathering at the Mid Valley Fire Station on Carmel Valley Road.

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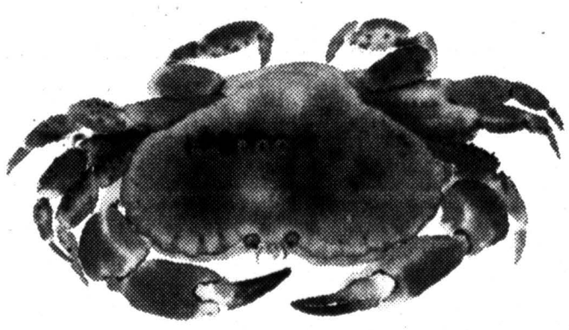

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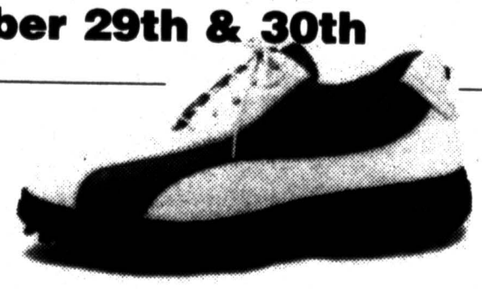

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A 1906 photo depicts a handful of shops along Ocean Avenue, then a dirt road lined with boardwalks and young pines.

In 1907, the Leidig family's grocery occupied the corner of San Carlos and Ocean where Dansk is now, and a 1933 photo shows a car which lost its brakes and slammed through the wall of Carmel Dairy.

McCloud mentioned the book to realtors hoping they might give copies to new homeowners. She reported this week that several orders, some large, have already been placed by interested purchasers.

While the city could make a little money from selling the $10 book,

'It really is a tool to share our history with newcomers in town and a way to promote our historic preservation efforts as well.'

— Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud

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Paige Johnson designed the 11-by-8.5-inch horizontal layout for the book and scanned the images. The book is headed to the press and should be available for purchase at city hall, the library's park branch and Sunset Center beginning Dec. 15.

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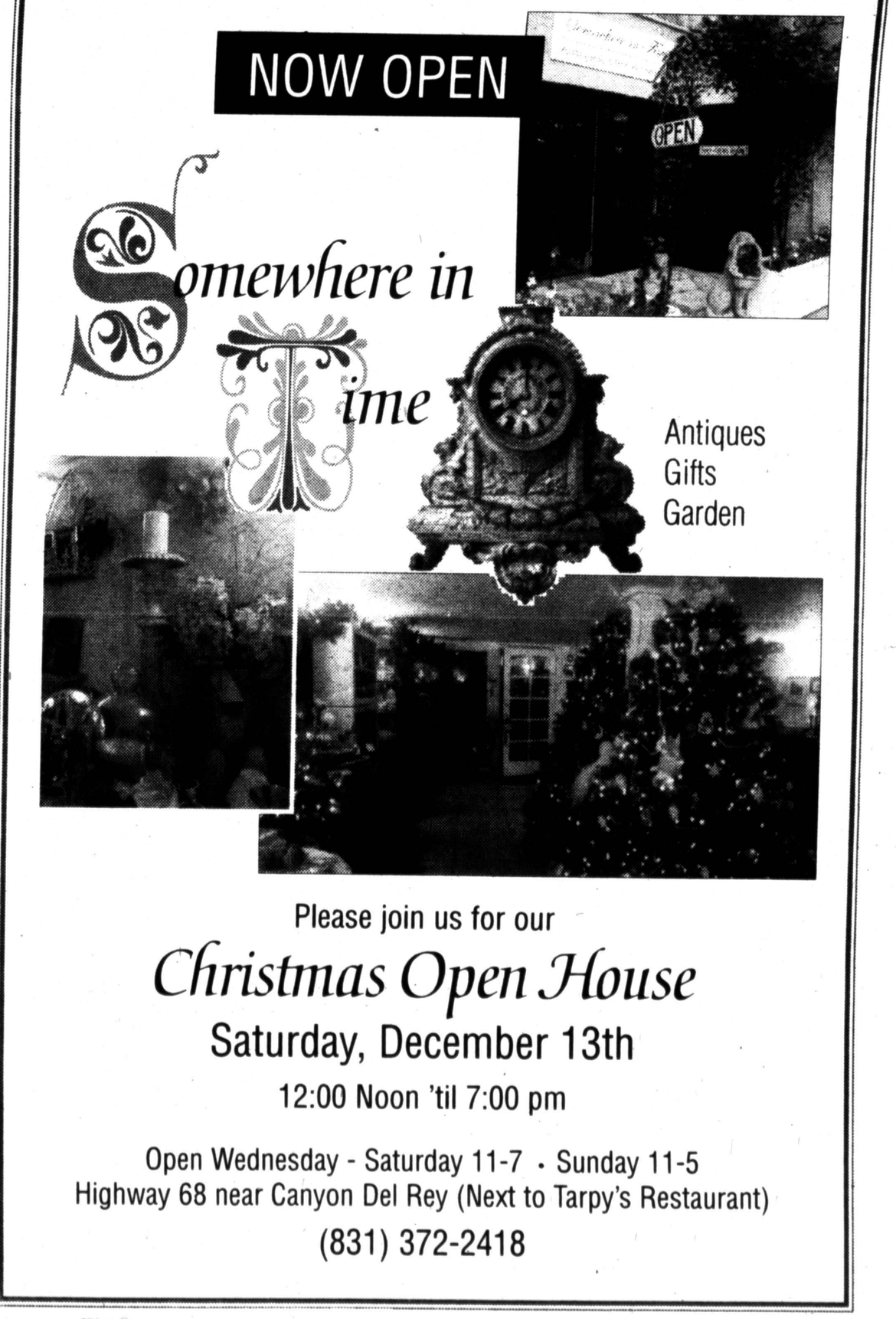

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By MARY BROWNFIELD

AWAKING IN the dark, gathering at 4:30 a.m. for a bus ride down Highway 1 and standing in the cold screaming at runners for hours has paid off.

The work of 30 Carmel High School cross-country and track-and-field runners who called out real times and split times at each mile in April's Big Sur International Marathon earned the teams a $2,000 donation from the marathon, according to organizer Paul Porter. The cash will probably help pay for new uniforms and the costs of traveling to some meets.

"Any donation is greatly appreciated when you have 150 kids in track and 50 kids in cross country," said CHS coach John Ables, whose girls' and boys' cross-country runners are headed to Fresno Friday to compete in the state championships — a costly endeavor in itself.

"Track is highly demanding for money because there are 18 events," Ables added, and shot puts, vaulting poles and other equipment are always needed.

The volunteers, half from Carmel High and half from Pacific Grove High School, carpooled to the marathon and were given stopwatches before being dropped off along the course, according to Porter, father of one of the runners and an active school parent who took over recruiting for the task a few years ago.

"It works out well, it's fun and the marathon is great for the community," he said.

Contrary to what might be expected, it's not all that difficult to get CHS runners out of bed before daylight to work during the 26.2-mile race, according to Porter.

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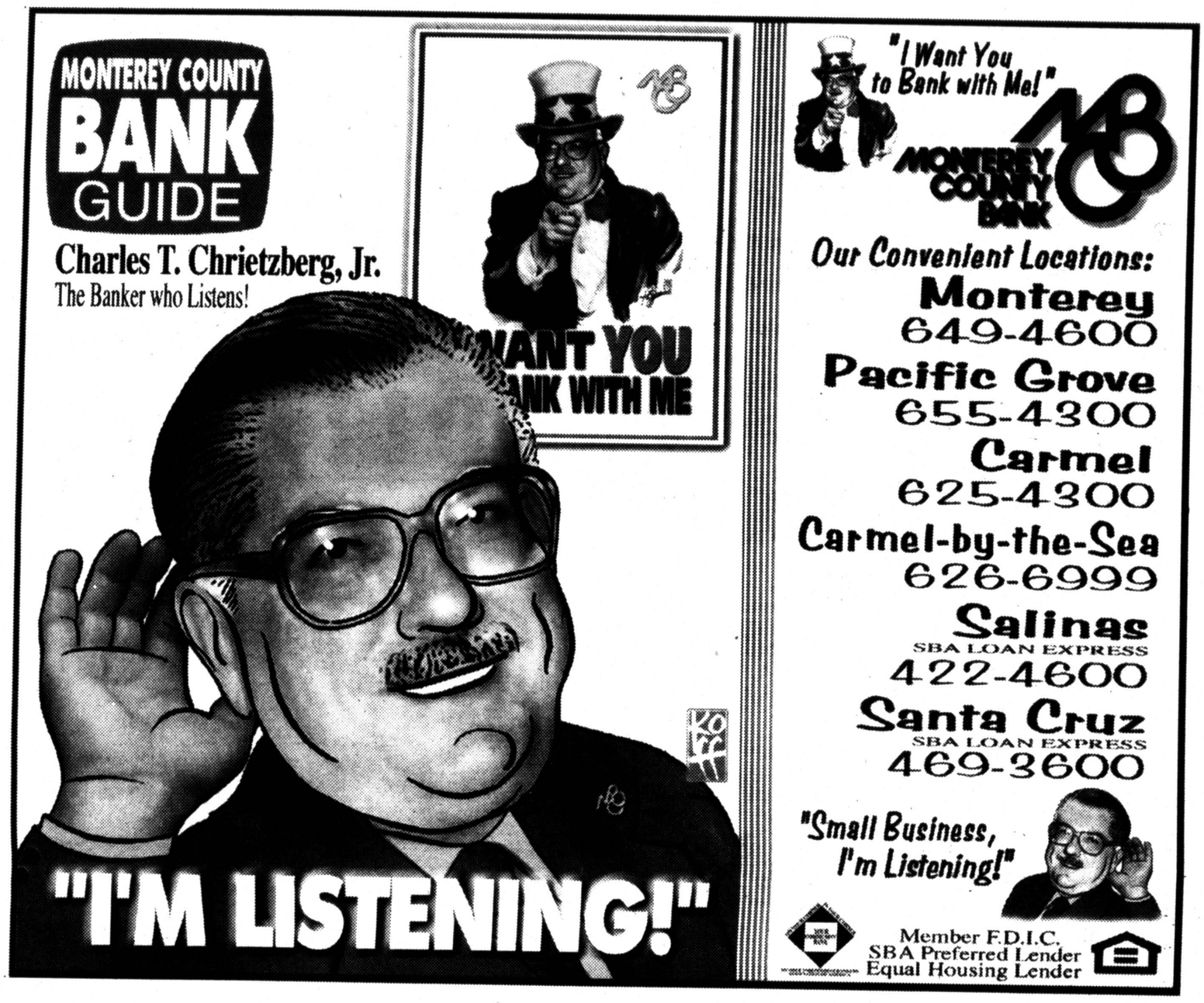

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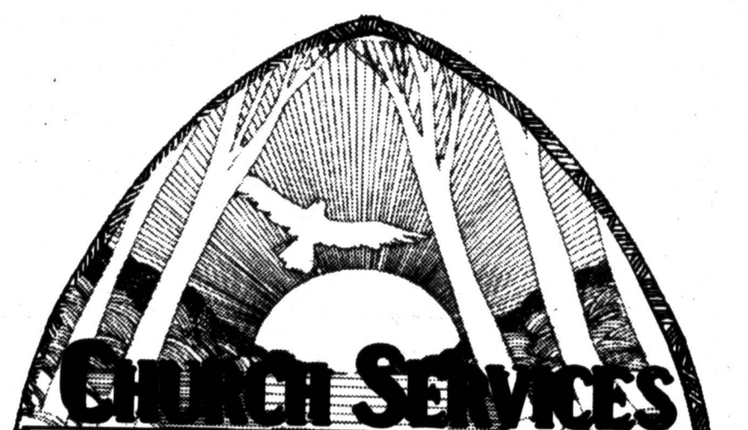

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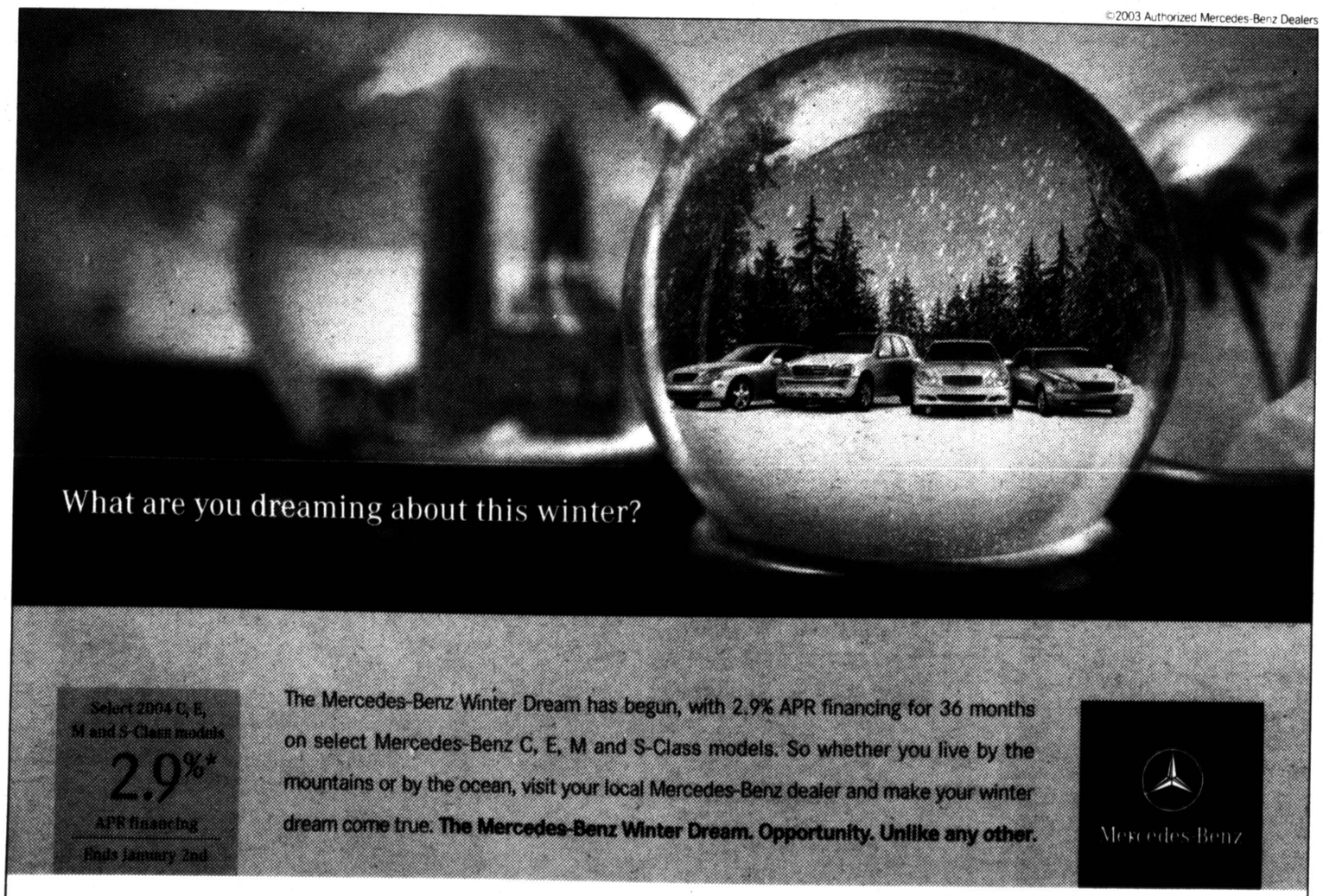
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involved. The Nov. 24 hearing gave them a chance to weigh in on the changes directors made during a four-hour hearing Nov. 17. But the turnaround was too short, provoking Pebble Beach, Carmel Area Wastewater District, Pebble Beach Community Services District and the Independent Reclaimed Water Users Group to ask for another delay to discuss certain sticking points, lest they be unable to sign their contracts for the project.

"Ordinance 109 needs to allow more time to respond to MPWMD proceedings in the event of an interruption in recycled water supply, and should provide a time certain for starting construction on the Phase II project," attorney Lloyd Lowrey, who represents the recycled water users group, wrote in a letter to the board. "In addition, the conditions and restrictions proposed for buyers appear sufficiently onerous and unworkable that the feasibility of the project may be impaired as a result."

Balancing act

P.B. Co. Executive Vice President Mark Stilwell argued the ordinance calls for unreasonable methods of monitoring water use by property owners and would violate the original agreement, signed in 1989, to bring the project online.

Company representative Alan Williams also decried the district's demand that the Pebble Beach Co. be subjected to rigorous accounting of its own water use.

"It's a little bit like trying to balance a checking account with two different currencies and the exchange rate keeps changing," he said. Williams also worried that imposing deed restrictions and making water records public could drive away potential buyers.

While directors Edwards, David Pendergrass and Dave Potter supported a delay, the motion to put off the final vote failed 3-4. A unanimous vote on the ordinance, with some more minor changes, followed. It will likely be discussed and changed again after the new board members are installed next month.

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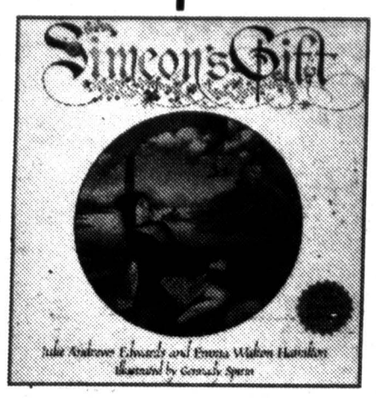

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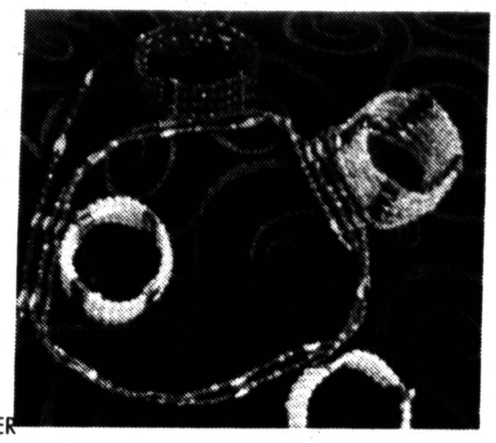

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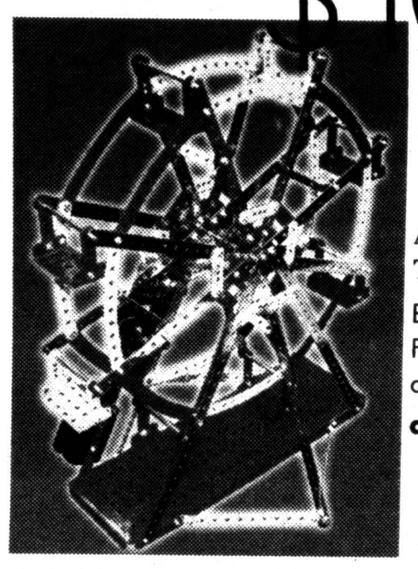

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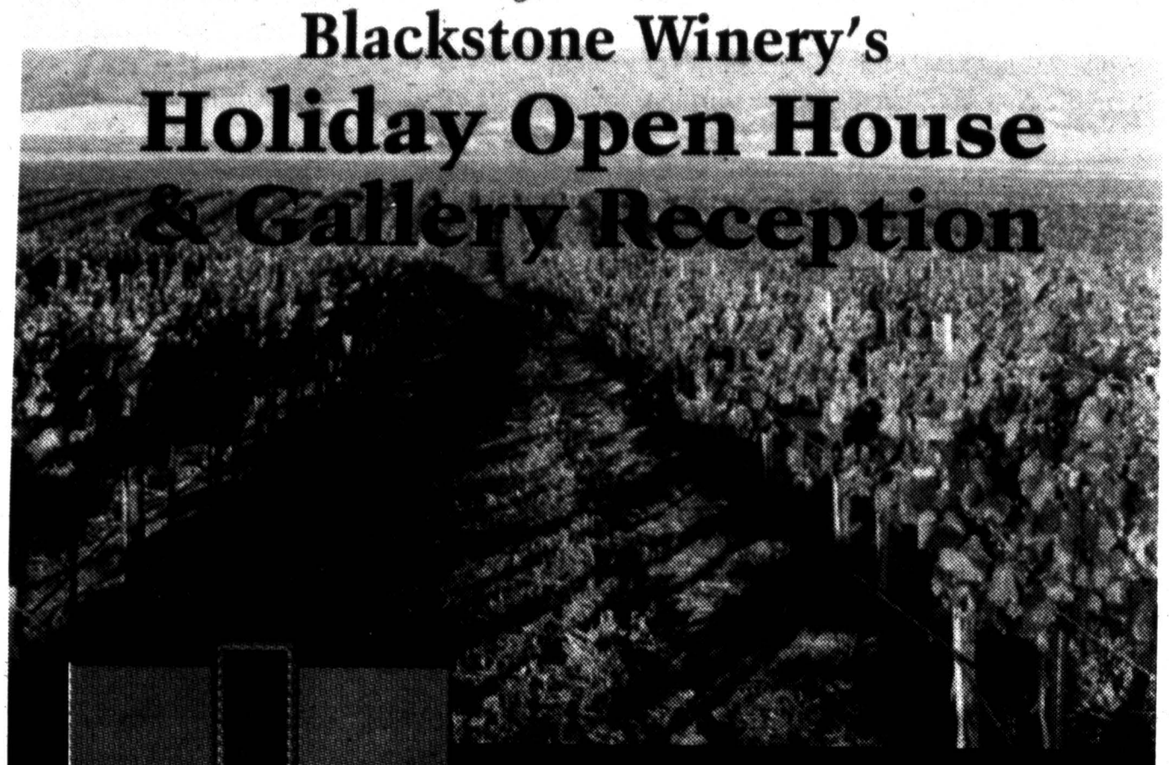

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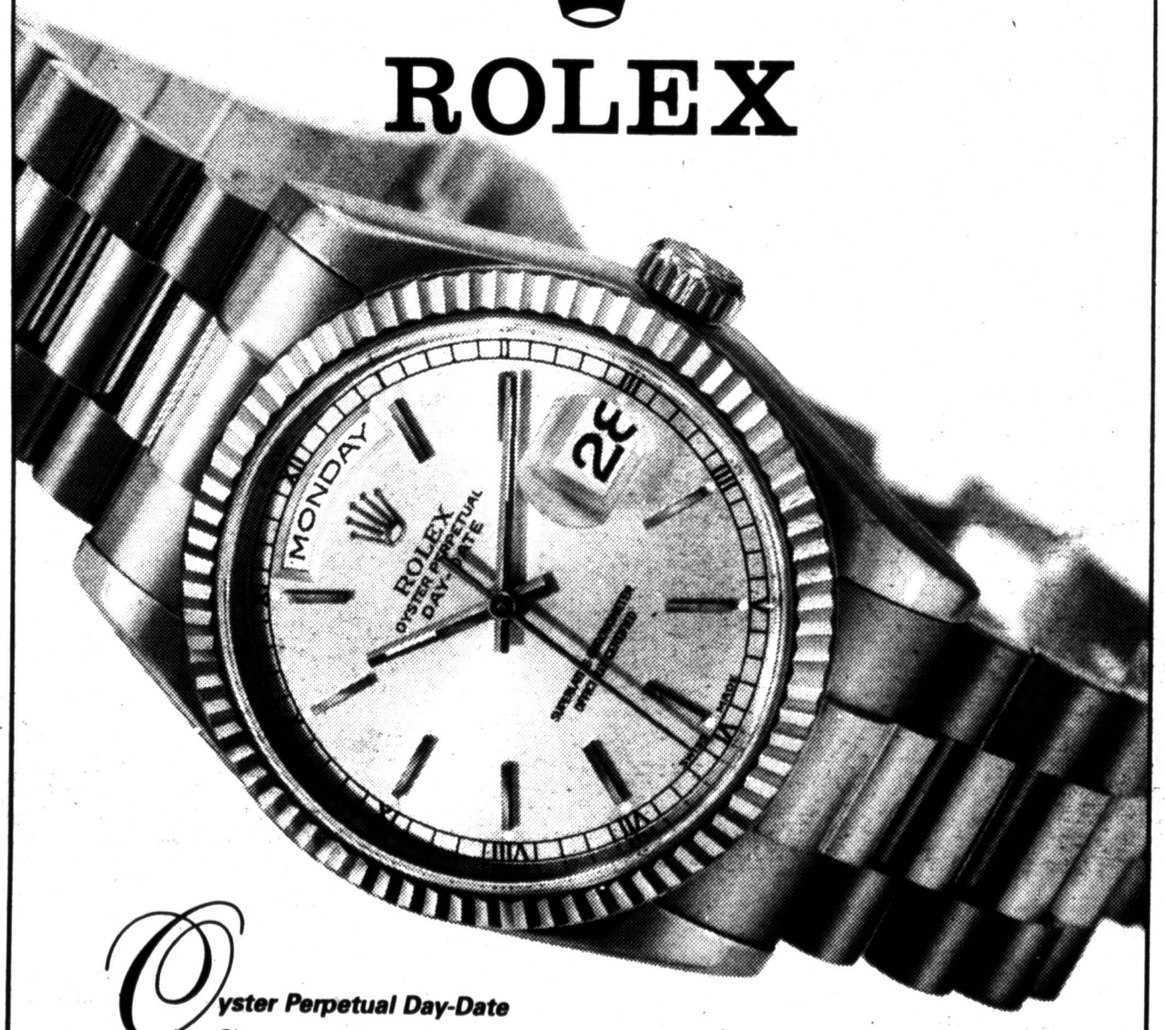

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SCOOTER JOHNSON, 5, is part long-haired dachshund and part cocker spaniel, making her, perhaps, a cockerdachs. Her fur and chaps are apricot color, and she has a curly white bib. Her permanent eye liner and eyebrows are *le dernier cri* of fashion.

We encountered Scooter on the pathway above Carmel Beach with an optic yellow tennis ball in her mouth. Mom Leslie Johnson and Dad Steve were just beginning to climb the steep sand dune, so we kept Scooter company during their ascent. She rewarded us with a big smile and a wet tennis ball.

Scooter has become a mascot, of sorts, at the Mitchell Group real estate office where she goes to work everyday with Mom. She has the run of the place, going from office to office in search of treats.

At home, Two-Tone, Scooter's red and white long-haired feline brother, is let out when Scooter goes to work and amuses himself *al fresco* until 5 p.m. when he promptly jumps up on the fence, awaiting the arrival of Scooter – and dinner. Both siblings love raw turkey mixed with raw vegetables.

When the interview and photo shoot were accomplished, Scooter spied a black poodle below on the beach and was immediately love struck. She barked excitedly, straining at her lead. Dad said that a romantic demonstration such as this had never happened before.

Perhaps the poodle was that special someone, the Some Enchanted Evening canine across a crowded strand Scooter had been waiting for. And yet, we'll never know. Dad had an appointment, and the three took their leave before introductions could be made.

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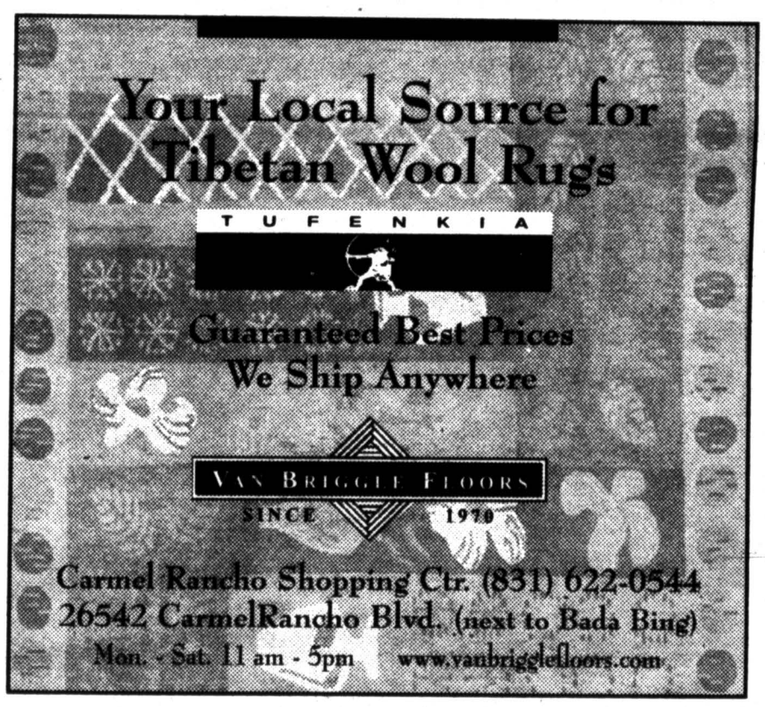
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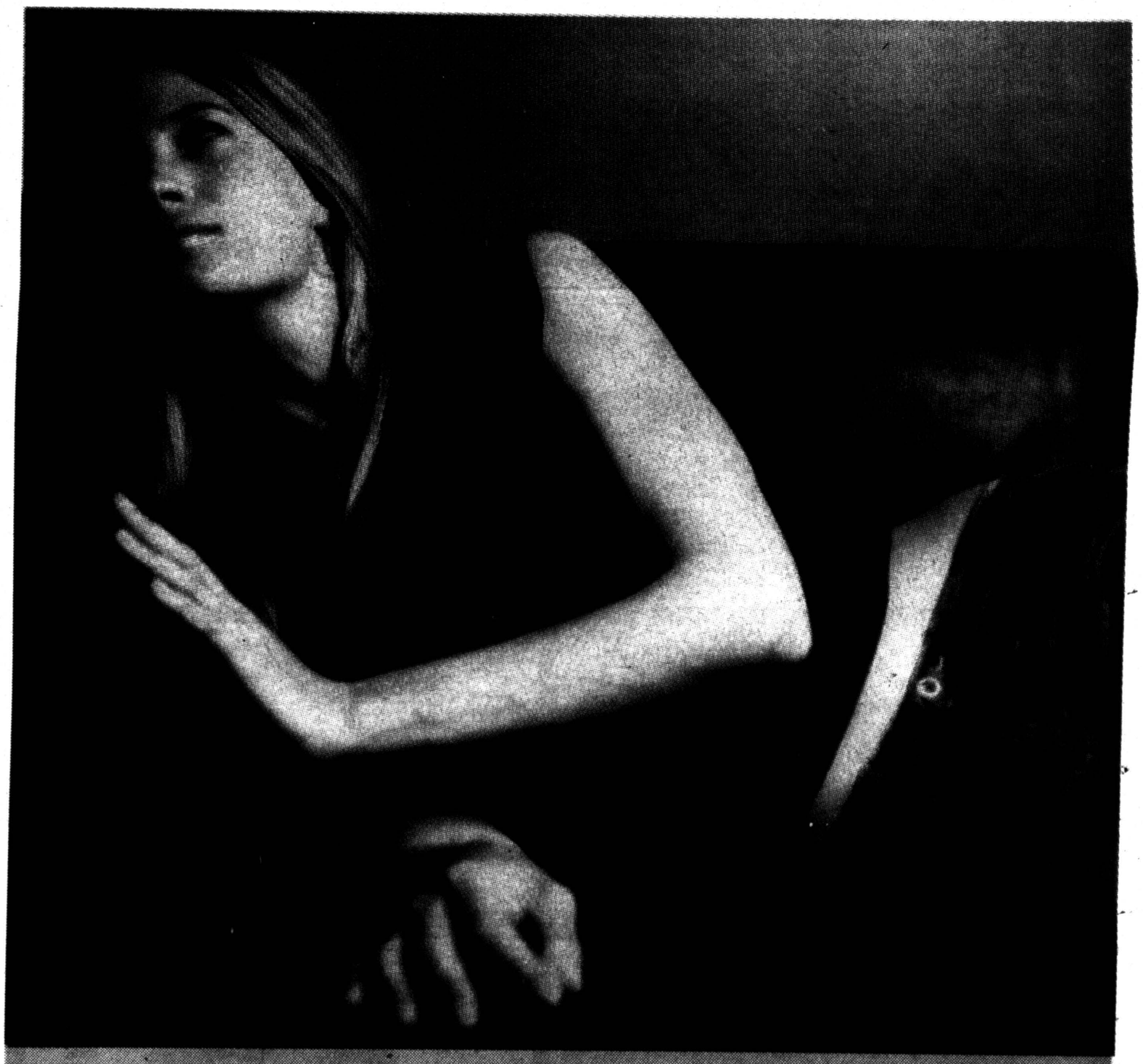

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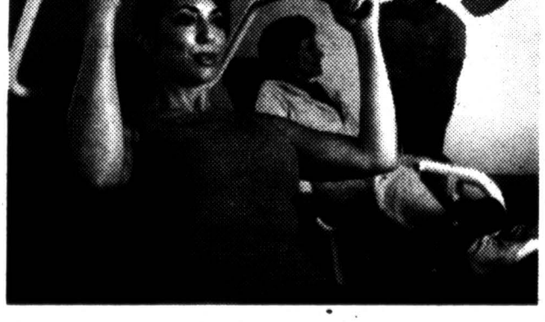

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Larry Hoover, CBA President

The Chamber Report Card

I want to thank those of you who took the time to complete our Carmel Chamber of Commerce Evaluation Survey. The survey itself was taken from the Western Association of Chamber Executives. We received 75 surveys back. Your input was a key part of our annual planning retreat and discussion earlier this month. We not only gained a better understanding of the needs of our membership, but the results also allow us to compare ourselves to similar chambers with similar demographics in the Western United States.

Some of the key points and results of the survey are as follows:

A. Two thirds of the respondents said the economy was the biggest challenge facing their businesses.
B. The top two resources business people turn to for help in meeting their challenges are:
   1. Peers and other professionals
   2. Chamber of Commerce
C. The image of the Carmel Chamber was rated 3.9 on a scale with 1 as very unfavorable and 5 very favorable.
D. Respondents said that the two most important services the chamber should offer are:
   1. Promoting the community
   2. Creating a strong local economy

I personally found the written comments to be the most meaningful. They not only outlined a good connection with our membership, they outlined areas needing improvement. As a board it is our job to ensure that our strengths continue and that our needed improvements are prioritized and acted on. During our retreat we did just that. Tom Williams begins his term of office as president with a committed board, many of them new, offering fresh new ideas. They are workers! We are extremely fortunate as members to have such a great group of dedicated people on the board. Under the direction of Tom Williams and with the guidance of Monta Potter, our Executive Director, the Carmel Chamber of Commerce will work to meet your business needs.

You can view the full survey results on our web page at ***www.carmelcalifornia.org***

Thank you again for your thoughts.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Chamber of Commerce is happy to announce the addition of three new talented board members. Joining the board for 4-year terms are Michael Adamson, Monterey County Bank, Judy Higgerson, Country Home Care and Janet Reilly, Prudential California Realty. Also joining the board to fill vacancies are John Elford, Carmel Mission Inn and Billie DiMonaco.

Unfortunately this means that we will also be losing some great folks who have donated their time and talent; outgoing president Larry Hoover, Inns by the Sea, Lesley Miller, Wells Fargo Bank and Demi Briscoe, First National Bank of California. We would also like to express our thanks to the board members who will continue to serve for the upcoming year: Barbara Gianotti, Carmel Pine Cone; Nancy Holden, Bay Publishing; Mia McKee, Mia McKee Marketing; Maria Murray; Buon Giorno Bakery Café; Tammi Tharp, Marketing Resources and president-elect Tom Williams, Hale-Williams Interiors.

Calendar of EVENTS December 2003

12/03	**Green Ribbon of Excellence Awards Dinner**, Carmel., 6:30-10:00; 624-2522
12/03	**Holiday Program, Carmel High School Choir**, Carmel Foundation, Lincoln & 8th, 2:30 pm, 624-1588
12/04	**Annual Truffle Dinner**, Carmel Valley, Bernardus Lodge; 7:00pm; 658-3400
12/05	**Carmel-by-the-Sea's Annual Tree Lighting**, Ocean Ave. & Junipero; 624-2522
12/05	**Annual Holiday Open House**, Carmel Plaza, immediately following The Tree Lighting; 624-2522
12/05	**Alzheimer's Association Teddy Bear Boutique**, Carmel Plaza, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, 624-0138
12/06, 13	**Alzheimer's Association Teddy Bear Boutique**, Carmel Plaza, 12:00 - 4:00 pm, 624-0138
12/06	**Christmas Party**, Court of the Golden Bough, 624-5080
12/06	**Annual Wine & Wreaths Open House and Food Drive**, Carmel Valley, Joullian Vineyards, 11:00-4:00; 659-2800
12/06	**Free Pictures with Santa**, Carmel Plaza, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, 624-0138
12/07	**Holiday Spectacular**, Carmel Valley, Chateau Julien, 2:00-6:00 624-2600
12/07	**Inns Of Distinction Tour**, Carmel, decorated inns, refreshments by local restaurants, self-guided; 624-4447
12/13	**Alzheimer's Association Teddy Bear Boutique**, Carmel Plaza, 12:00 - 4:00 pm, 624-0138
12/13	**Cooking Demonstration: Chocolates and Desserts**, Carmel Valley, Bernardus Lodge; 658-3400
12/13-14	**I Cantori Di Carmel Holiday Concert**, Carmel Mission Basilica, 644-8012;
12/13-14	**"Home For the Holidays", Animal Friends Rescue Project**, Carmel Plaza, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, 624-0138
12/15	**Cantori Di Carmel Holiday Concert**, TBA, 644-8012
12/17	**Provisioning the Pioneers of the Future at Moss Landing Marine Labs**, Carmel Foundation, Lincoln & 8th, 2:30 pm, 624-1588
12/18	**CCC Board Meeting**, Carmel, 8:00AM. Il Fornaio; 624-2522;
12/18	**Men's Night**, Carmel Plaza, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, 624-0138
12/20	**Monterey Symphony "Christmas in Carmel"** Sunset Center, 624-8511
12/20	**Camerta Singers**, Carmel Mission Bisillica
12/20-21	**Free Pictures with Santa**, Carmel Plaza, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, 624-0138
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BALLOTS

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And Frasca said she was concerned that, if there are major problems with the integrity of the vote, the election might have to be repeated.

"I think everyone is entitled to their vote, and if there are major problems, that could cost the county a lot of money," she said.

But one of Anchundo's deputies, Carldene Rollman, said there were no other instances reported in this election of significant numbers of ballots going astray.

"You will always have one or two here and there, but this [the Carmel neighborhood] is the only place where there was a big problem in this election," she said.

Tuesday afternoon, replacement ballots to 21 Carmel residents had been mailed, Rollman said. She recommended that, rather than depending on the U.S. Postal Service to get the ballots back to the elections office by Tuesday at 8 p.m., anybody who hasn't voted yet should deliver their ballot in person to the elections office at 1370 S. Main in Salinas on Friday or Monday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., or on Tuesday, election day, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. On Tuesday there will also be drop-off polling places at Sunset Center in Carmel, Stevenson School in Pebble Beach, Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula or St. Dunstan's in Carmel Valley.

Anchundo said more than 60,000 ballots had been received as of Nov. 26, and the turnout could exceed 50 percent — far higher than in other special elections.

With all those ballots in the mail, his office uses much tighter security procedures than for traditional, polling place elections, he added. Every ballot envelope is checked for signature authenticity as soon as it comes in the door.

"So far, there have been missing or possibly incorrect signatures on about 500, which isn't a large number," Anchundo said. Those voters are sent letters about the discrepancies.

He also urged anyone with questions about the ballot to call his office at 796-1499 during the hours listed above.

RUNNERS

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That might have something to do with the coach.

"Do you want to know what it takes to become a champion? Giving and sacrifice," Ables said. "You're talking about getting up at 4 a.m.? That's giving; that's sacrifice."

But outside the marathon, Ables wants his students to focus on running, not fundraising. "We don't spend a lot of time at carwashes and cookie sales," he continued.

And focus they did. The boys' and girls' teams won Mission Trail Athletic League titles again this year and placed first and second, respectively, in the Central Coast Section finals. Seven girls and seven boys will compete in the tough state championships in Fresno Nov. 29.

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Big Sur International Marathon
Training Clinics 2003–2004
- THE BASICS - PART II
  Tuesday, December 2, 7 p.m.
- INJURY PREVENTION
  Tuesday, December 16, 7 p.m.
- NUTRITION AND STAYING MOTIVATED
  Tuesday, January 6, 7 p.m.

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MILESTONES

MARYJANE CHANDLER, a longtime visitor to Carmel from Berkeley who moved here full time in 1991, died Aug. 18 at age 91.

A native of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Mrs. Chandler pursued operatic training in New York City and graduated from Skidmore College. Shortly thereafter she met the love of her life, Charles R. Chandler, at the Poughkeepsie Regatta, where he was rowing on the UC Berkeley Crew, soon to become the 1932 Olympic gold medalists. Moving to the West Coast, Mrs. Chandler was fond of playing bridge at the Berkeley Women's Club and golf at the Contra Costa Country Club.

"Nana" Chandler is survived by her sister, Shirley Malcher of New York; her children, Sherrill O'Neill of Lafayette and Michael of Carmel Valley; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the donor's favorite charity.

MARION JENSEN HARRIS, a portrait photographer who made her home in Carmel for 23 years, died Oct. 6. She was 86.

Born in Denver, she grew up and married in Seattle. The family moved to Millbrae for seven years, then to Sacramento and Fair Oaks where she, her brother and son developed a portrait photography business that continues in the community after more than 50 years. She was a member of the Professional Photographers Association, the Ambassadors Club, Soroptimists, Carmel Foundation and the Church of Religious Science.

Mrs. Harris is survived by her daughter, Eileen Rigdon of Turlock; sons Robert "Larry" Jensen of Pittsburg and Richard "Keith" Jensen of Gold River; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

PATRICIA T. LINTON, 85, a native of Hilo, Hawaii, who was working in a military hospital in Honolulu at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor, died Nov. 3.

She received her B.A. from Pomona College and her nursing degree from Children's Hospital in San Francisco.

Mrs. Linton continued her nursing career in Honolulu and New York City. She served as volunteer teacher of nurses' aides for the Red Cross in Greenwich, Conn., and also established the Merry-Go-Round Program for seniors there. After moving to Carmel in 1977, she volunteered at Hospice House and was active in the Alzheimer's Association and All Saints Episcopal Church.

She is survived by her sons, Chris of Connecticut and Bryson of Carmel; her daughter, Karen, of Connecticut; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, in 1996.

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PAID EDITORIAL

Today's Real Estate
By MAUREEN MASON
Certified Residential Specialist

A Time for Gratitude

My heartfelt thanks to the following clients who've made this such a memorable year.

I'm grateful to all of you for trusting me with your real estate business in 2003.

Mark Bramman • Debbie and Martin Britz
Patricia Creese and Vaughn McIllrath • Barbara Cromartie
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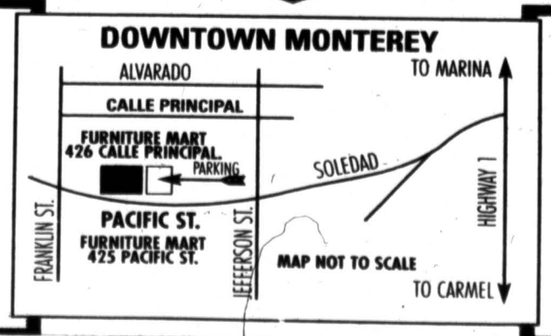

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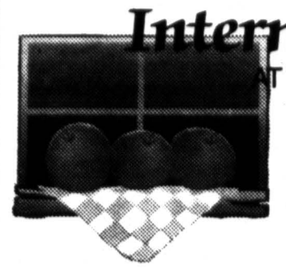
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032365. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **1. BAY AREA I.V. THERAPY, 2. BAY AREA HOME HEALTH CARE I.V. THERAPY,** 5 Mandeville Court, Monterey, CA 93940-5745. ADVANTACARE HEALTH PARTNERS, LP, 5 Mandeville Court, Monterey, CA 93940-5745. This business is conducted by a limited partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: October 1, 2003. (s) Duncan L. McCarrer, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 23, 2003. Publication dates: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2003. (PC 1101)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032364. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PRUDENTIAL RELOCATION,** 3333 Michelson Drive, Suite 1000, Irvine, CA 92612. PRUDENTIAL RESIDENTIAL SERVICES, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, 200 Summit Lake Drive, Valhalla, NY 10395. This business is conducted by a limited partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: March 1, 1994. (s) Susanne E. Schaller, Asst. Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 23, 2003. Publication dates: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2003. (PC 1102)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032411. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **JAGS OF CARMEL,** 27680 Schulte Road, Carmel, CA 93923. JULIA NANNETTE HATFIELD, 27680 Schulte Road, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Oct. 29, 2003. (s) Julia Hatfield. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 29, 2003. Publication dates: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2003. (PC 1103)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M67342.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A.*Present name*: OLWYN JAE OJALA-WESTBROOK
Proposed name: OLWYN JAE OJALA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
NOTICE OF HEARING: Dec. 5, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.
(s) Michael S. Fields
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Oct. 21, 2003.

Publication dates: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2003. (PC1104)

TRUSTEE SALE NO. 1057318-02
ORDER NO. 101648

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
APN:009-162-028-000
TRA: 001000
LOAN NO: 0014755912
REF: ALLEN, WILBERT
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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED JANUARY 23, 2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On **December 04, 2003, at 10:00am, CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE CORPORATION,** as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded **January 28, 2003**, as Inst. No. **2003010078**, in book XX, page XX, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of **MONTEREY** Country, State of **CALIFORNIA** executed by:

WILBERT ALLEN, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY

WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:

AT THE MAIN (SOUTH) ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, (FACING THE COURTYARD OFF CHURCH ST.) 240 CHURCH STREET, SALINAS, CALIFORNIA

all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: COMPLETELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST.

The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be:
3 SE 5TH @ PERRY NEWBERRY AVE., CARMEL CA 93923

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein.

Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust to wit:

$1,416,000.00 with interest thereon from **March 01, 2003 @** ADJUSTABLE INTEREST RATE as provided in said note(s) plus cost and any advances with interest. ESTIMATED TOTAL DEBT: **$1,421,222.57.**

The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

FOR SALES INFORMATION: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm
(619) 590-1221
CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE CORPORATION
525 EAST MAIN STREET
P.O. BOX 22004
EL CAJON, CA 92022-9004
Dated: November 14, 2003
(s) Esther Chamberlain

Publication Dates: Nov. 14, 21, 28, 2003. (PC1106)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032452. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **IMAGINE,** 1867 Juarez St., Seaside, CA 93955. KERSTIN CORINNA HOLMES, 1867 Juarez St., Seaside, CA 93955. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Nov. 5, 2003. (s) Kerstin Holmes. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 5, 2003. Publication dates: Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5, 2003. (PC 1107)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032455. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **KEAUHOU GARDENS - 12304,** 25760 Partridge Pl., Carmel, Ca 93925. ROBERT H. EVANS, JR., 25760 Partridge Pl., Carmel, Ca 93925. CHERIE F., EVANS, 25760 Partridge Pl., Carmel, Ca 93925. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Nov. 5, 2003. (s) Robert H. Evans, Jr. and Cherie F. Evans. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 5, 2003. Publication dates: Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5, 2003. (PC 1108)

TRUSTEE SALE NO. 1050143-02
ORDER NO. 101830

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
APN:187-231-001
TRA: 060011
LOAN NO: 0011321932
REF: DUDLEY, CONSTANCE
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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2001. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On **December 04, 2003, at 10:00am, CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE CORPORATION,** as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded **September 27, 2001**, as Inst. No. **2001081721**, in book XX, page XX, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of **MONTEREY** Country, State of **CALIFORNIA** executed by:

CONSTANCE DUDLEY, A SINGLE WOMAN

WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR , CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:

AT THE MAIN (SOUTH) ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, (FACING THE COURTYARD OFF CHURCH ST.) 240 CHURCH STREET, SALINAS, CALIFORNIA

all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: COMPLETELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST.

The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be:
55 MIDDLE CANYON ROAD, CARMEL VALLEY, CA 93924

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein.

Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust to wit:

$1,489,210.52 with interest thereon from **July 01, 2002 @** 7.250% per annum as provided in said note(s) plus cost and any advances with interest. ESTIMATED TOTAL DEBT: **$1,608,792.68.**

The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

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(619) 590-1221
CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE CORPORATION
525 EAST MAIN STREET
P.O. BOX 22004
EL CAJON, CA 92022-9004
Dated: November 15, 2003
(s) Esther Chamberlain

Publication Dates: Nov. 14, 21, 28, 2003. (PC1110)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
of MARION JENSEN HARRIS, also known as MARION HARRIS
Case Number MP 16867

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARION JENSEN HARRIS also known as MARION HARRIS.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROBERT LARRY JENSEN in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ROBERT LARRY JENSEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on December 19, 2003 at 10:30 a.m., Dept.: Probate, in the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner SHARON A. ISENHOUR, P.O. Box 2311, 4th & San Carlos Streets, Suite 8, Carmel, CA 93921. (831) 625-1170. (s) Sharon A. Isenhour, Attorney for Petitioner.

Publication dates: November 14, 21, 28, 2003. (PC1110)

NOTICE OF INTENDED BULK TRANSFER (Business and Professions Code Section 24073)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TONY VENTURA, whose business address is Westside of Mission Street between 5th and 6th Avenues, Carmel, California 93921 intends to transfer to YASUKO ABE, whose address is P.O. Box 534, Pebble Beach, California 93953, certain property located the Westside of Mission Street between 5th and 6th Avenues, Carmel, California 93921 and described generally as follows: all the trade fixtures, equipment, alcoholic beverage license, inventory and supplies of that certain business known as MIZU SUSHI.

During the three years immediately past, transferors have conducted business under the following name at the following address: MIZU SUSHI, Westside of Mission Street between 5eh and 6eh Avenues, Carmel, California 93921.

The aforementioned transfer will be consummated on or after December 1, 2003, at the office of RONALD A. PARRAVANO, Attorney at Law, 500 Camino El Estero, Suite 200 Monterey, California 93940.

Claims of creditors may be filed with RONALD A. PARRAVANO, Attorney at Law, at the above address.

THIS BULK TRANSFER INCLUDES A LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER. ALL CLAIMS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE DATE ON WHICH THE NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE IS RECEIVED BY ESCROW AGENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

Dated: October __, 2003
YASUKO ABE, Transferee
Publication date: Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5, 2003. (PC1115).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032436. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PATHWAYS COUNSELING AND CONSULTING SERVICE,** 3855 Via Nona Marie #206, Carmel, CA 93923. DELUNAS AND ASSOCIATES, INC., 37771 Palo Colorado Canyon, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Nov. 1, 1998. (s) Eve Delunas. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 3, 2003. Publication dates: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2003. (PC 1118)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M67703.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A.*Present name*:
EVE NILSON
Proposed name:
EVE DESIREE D'VINCENT
NOTICE OF HEARING: Dec. 19, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.
(s) Robert O'Farrell
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 13, 2003.

Publication dates: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2003. (PC1120)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 20030258. The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name **TIP ELECTRONICS,** 1010 Dolan Road, Castroville, CA 95012. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Monterey County on Feb. 3, 2003. TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT PARTNERS LLC* *Organized in the state of Michigan, 3955 Pinnacle Court, Suite 200, Auburn Hills, MI 48376. This business was conducted by a limited liability company. (s) Patrick H. Callahan, member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Oct. 7, 2003. Publication dates: Oct. 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 2003. (PC1006).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032492. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CARMEL RIVER INN,** U.S. Highway 1 at Carmel River Bridge, Carmel, Ca 93922. INVEST WEST FINANCIAL CORP., 1933 Cliff Dr., Suite 1, Santa Barbara, CA 93109. WINTER CONSTRUCTION, 2905 Burton Dr., Cambria, CA 93428. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Sept. 26, 2003. (s) Dirk Winter, owner, Winter Construction. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 12, 2003. Publication dates: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2003. (PC 1124)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032508. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **LIVING BY DESIGN,** Carmelo St. 2nd SW 12th, Carmel, CA 93923. JEREMY ANN ANDERSON, Carmelo St. 2nd SW 12th, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: Nov. 15, 2003. (s) Jeremy Anderson. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 13, 2003. Publication dates: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2003. (PC 1125)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 20032201. The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name **ARBOR OF IMPERIAL COUNTY**, 344 Salinas Street, Suite 202, Salinas, CA. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Monterey County on October 2, 2003. ARBOR E&T, LLC, 10140 Linn Station Road, Louisville, KY 40223. This business was conducted by a Limited Liability Company. (s) Mary D. Peters, Assistant Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 3, 2003. Publication dates: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2003. (PC1126)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Planning Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea will conduct a public hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers, located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues, on Wednesday, December 10, 2003. The public hearing will be opened at 4:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

IF YOU CHALLENGE THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSED ACTION IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION OR THE CITY COUNCIL, AT, OR PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

1. DS 03-137, UP 03-40, RE 03-12
Ruth Baltes
NE corner Mission & 12th
Block 129, Lot(s) 14
Consideration of Design Study (Concept Review), Use Permit, and Demolition Permit applications for the demolition of an existing single family dwelling and the construction of a new two-story single family dwelling with a guesthouse located in the Residential (R-1) District.

2. UP 03-37
Kirstie Wilde
S/s Ocean btwn Torres & Junipero
Block 79, Lot(s) All
Consideration of Use Permit, and Zoning Text Amendment applications and adoption of a Negative Declaration to allow an office use located in the Residential (R-1) District.

3. UP 03-39
Jack Galante
W/s Dolores btwn Ocean & 7th
Block 75, Lot(s) 1m 2m 3 & 9
Consideration of a Use Permit, application for the retail sale of wine products and a wine tasting area located in the Central Commercial (CC) District.

Planning Commission
City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
(s) Anne Morris
Secretary of said Commission
Publication dates: Nov. 28, 2003. (PC1127)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20032529. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **LEGACY HOME LOANS,** 24571 Silver Cloud Ct., Ste. 101, Monterey, CA 93940. LEGACY REAL ESTATE GROUP, INC., Calif. Corporation, 24571 Silver Cloud Ct., Ste. 101, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A. (s) Michael D. Millett, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 17, 2003. Publication dates: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2003. (PC 1128)

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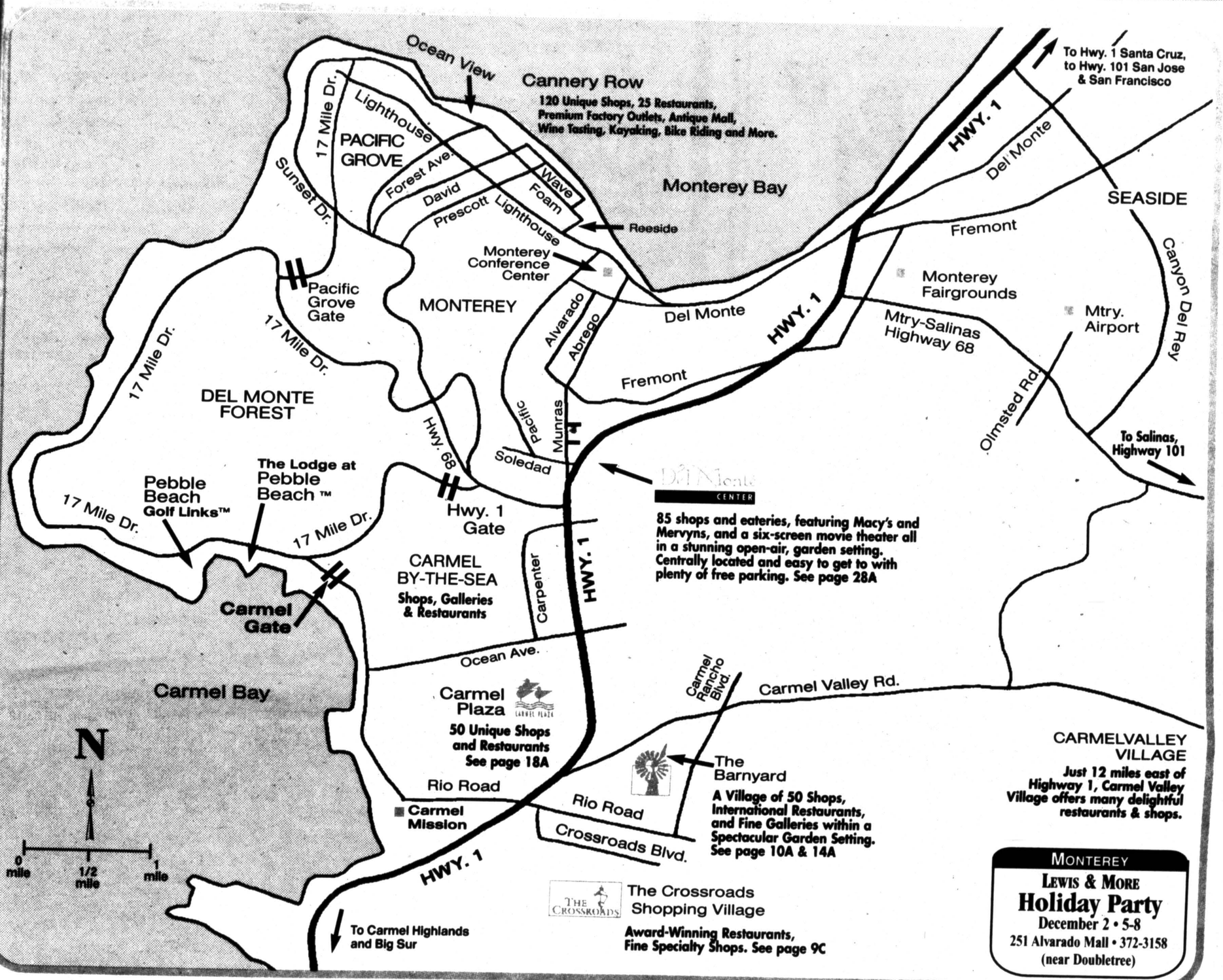

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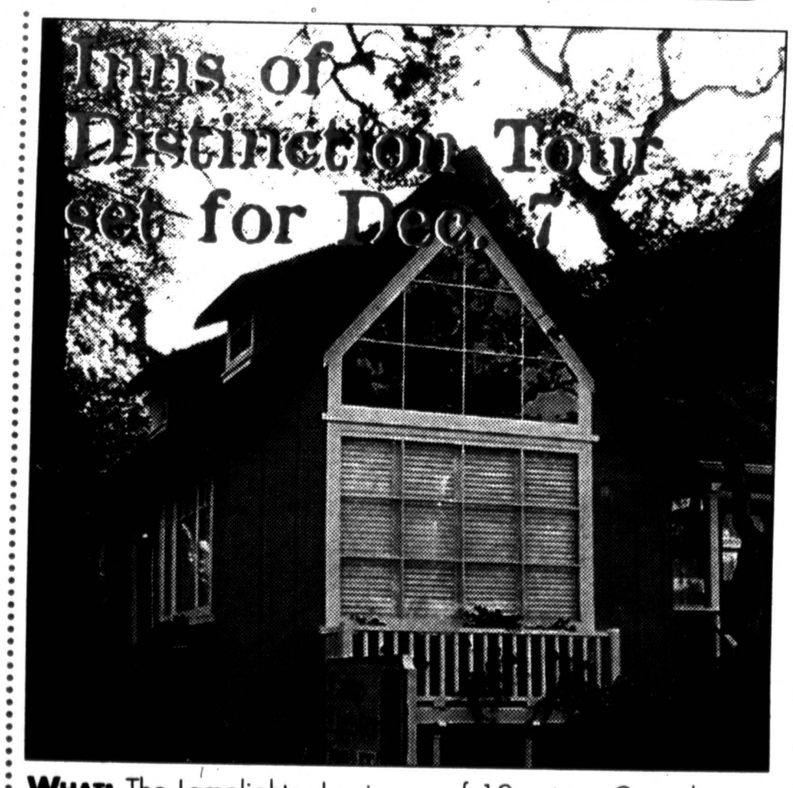

WHAT: The Lamplighter Inn is one of 12 unique Carmel inns to be featured in the annual, self-guided Inns of Distinction Tour sponsored by Carmel Heritage Society. Enjoy food and wine from top restaurants and wineries during the event.
WHEN: 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7
COST: $20 in advance by calling Carmel Heritage Society, 624-4447
DAY OF EVENT TICKETS: Available at participating inns for $25

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THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY "DISCOVERY SHOP" joyfully invites you to a Christmas Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, through Dec. 20. The shop is at 198 Country Club Gate Shopping Center, Forest and David avenues, Pacific Grove. The bazaar features hand-crafted ornaments, gifts, centerpieces, tree toppers and a collection of 8-i mini to 4-foot-tall Christmas trees. Santa will be the shop Saturdays, Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and Dec. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. I call Judy Parker at 372-0866.

THE MONTEREY MUSEUM OF ART a COUNTRY HOME CARE present four **"Soc Sundays"** at La Mirada, 720 Via Mirada, Fremont Boulevard, Monterey. Enjoy the Camer Singers in concert 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 7, and in 20 on March 7, June 6 and Sept. 5. Admission is f with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and no h wine bar. The museum art galleries will be op Info: 372-5477 or visit www.montereyart.org

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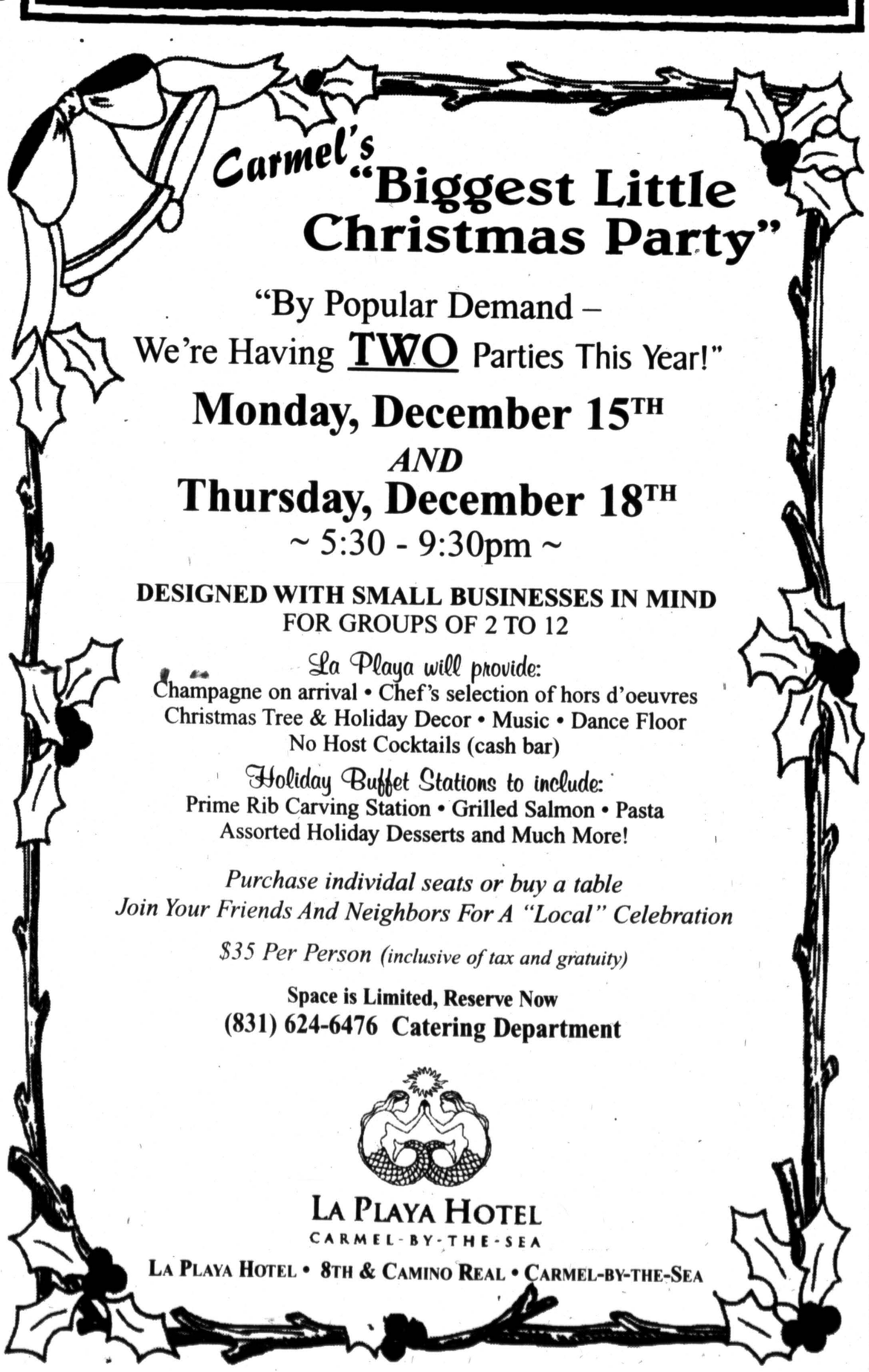
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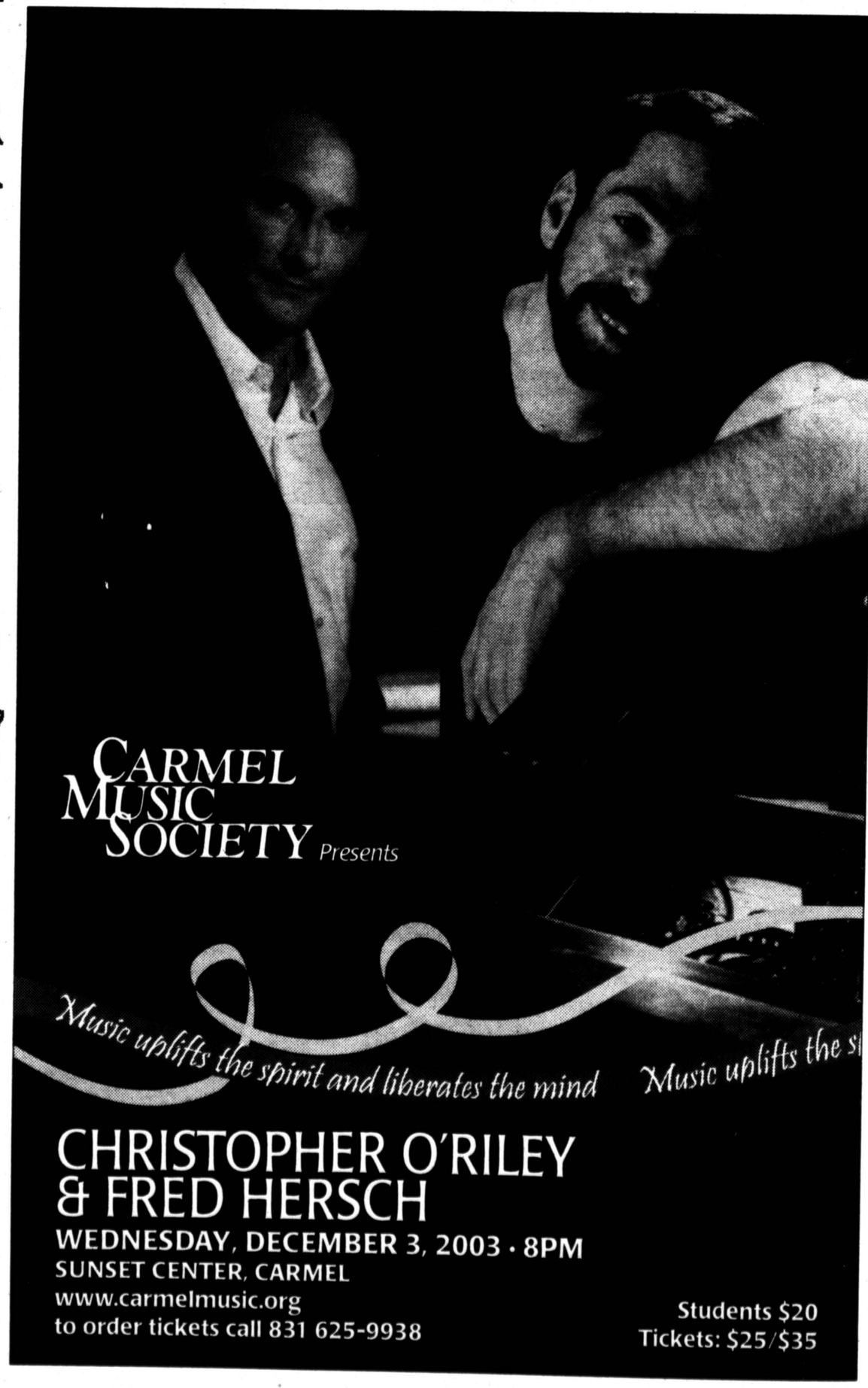
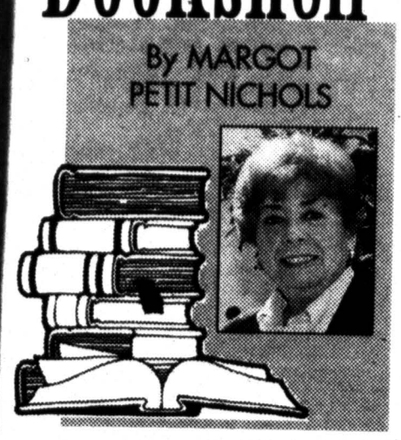


Of wolf tracks on the welcome mat and mules in Nebraska . . .

The Bookshelf

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS



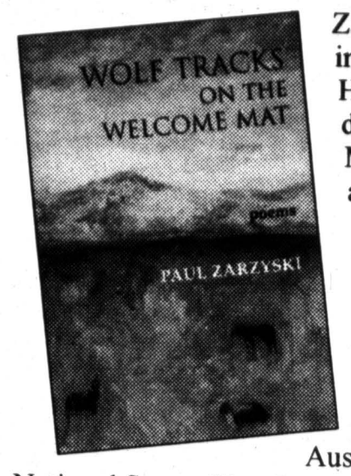
THIS WEEK we travel far afield in spirit to Montana and Nebraska to a countrified landscape of wild ranges and farms:

"WOLF TRACKS on the Welcome Mat" is the intriguing and amusing title of **Paul Zarzyski**'s book of poems primarily about the open range of Montana. But the poems are profound, metaphors for what lies deep within us, as in "Montana's Mistral":

With a nor'easter pounding down on a log-house all night he observes —

Lurking in the same blackness
as unanswered prayers, it knows
my poems are not enough
to pay its large ransom
in small unmarked lives.

"Wolf Tracks" is



Zarzyski's eighth book, and includes art by Theodore Waddell. He earned a master of fine arts degree at the University of Montana, and later taught creative writing there.

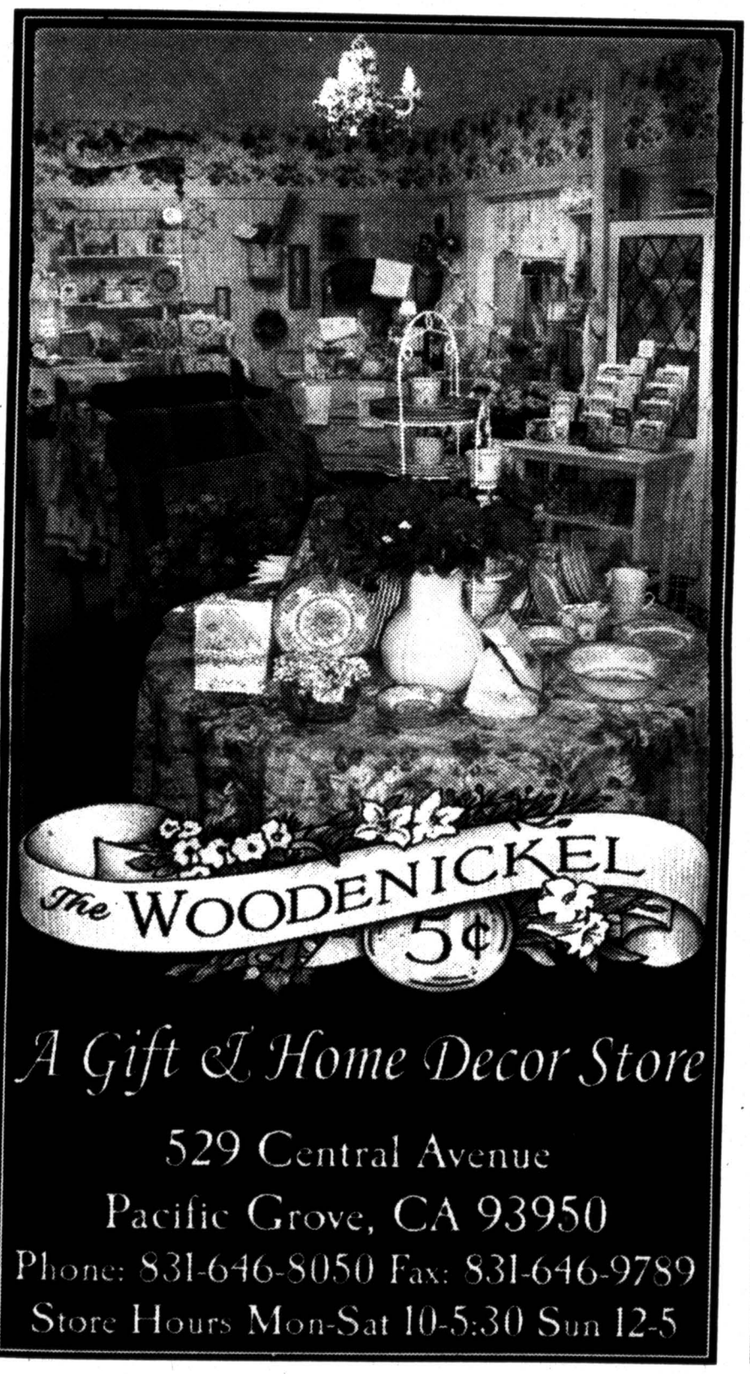
Although he has been the featured performer at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nev. annually since 1987 it's not altogether appropriate to refer to him as a cowboy poet. He has also toured Australia and England, recited at the National Storytelling Festival, the National Folk Festival, the Library of Congress and on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion."

In the title poem, Zarzyski, tells of a wolf who, on a dark night, "knocks his softest dewclawed knock on my straw door." He invites the wolf in and fixes him a thick ham steak and eggs. Beholden to the poet but unable to pay for this sumptuous repast, the wolf "breaks into his rendition of Moanin'/ At Midnight, a blues song so haunting,/ so harmonious with the whole/ toe-tapping cosmos keeping tempo,/ it makes my guard hairs/bristle — silver needles tweaked/ into each pore, the master/acupuncturist knowing exactly where/pain blazes its steepest trails."

Quotations from Frederick Garcia Lorca, Joseph Brodsky, Dana Gioia, Theodore Roethke and Pablo Picasso appear at the beginning of the five sections of the book.

The 138-page hardcover is published by OreanaBooks, an

See ***BOOKSHELF*** *next page*



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THURS – DEC 4
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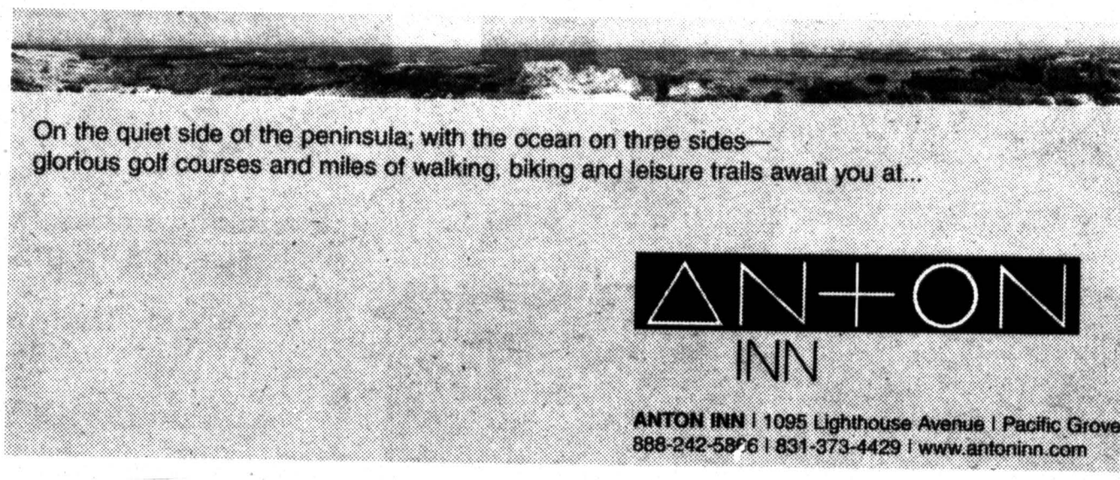
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OPINION

Editorial

Thanks for the $400 billion . . . now where's the rest?

THE MEDICARE bill passed this week has been closely analyzed for its impact on seniors and for its overall effect on the federal budget.

But with Thanksgiving a new memory, we think it's also a good idea to look at the cost of the bill for individual taxpayers. Nowhere in the extensive news coverage were they mentioned. However, it's important that their contribution to this new federal benefit — and every other federal program — be recognized. Perhaps they should even be thanked.

These taxpaying citizens are not some amorphous, faceless mass. They are not "the nation," or "the country" or even "the people." They are the approximately 65 million American taxpayers who are in the top 50 percent of wage earners in this country. In 2001, these hardworking people paid fully 96.1 percent of all individual income taxes collected by Washington. (The top 1 percent paid 33.89 percent, according to the IRS.) These are the people who will pay the estimated $400 billion the Medicare drug benefit will cost over the first 10 years — costs that will rise into the trillions in later years, some analysts say. The separate Medicare tax working people pay is dedicated to existing Medicare programs. The new $400 billion entitlement will come straight from regular federal revenues which, for the most part, means income taxes.

Of course, with the federal deficit ballooning, some of it will also be borrowed. But that just means the top 50 percent of earners will also have to pay back the interest.

So when Ted Kennedy opines that, "the nation owes our seniors a prescription drug benefit," he could have added, "and I know just who should pay for it."

Of course, Kennedy is simply doing things the way Washington always does: Promise the majority something great, and make the minority pay for it.

But why are the news media pretending not to notice?

Many newspaper and TV stories criticized the new Medicare bill for not being generous enough and indignantly focused on the "costs" of the new program's premiums, deductibles and coverage gaps for seniors

"Those with the largest drug bills will be responsible for more than $5,000 in drug costs a year," under the new bill, the Associated Press reported Wednesday.

"I think [that] number will come as a shock to consumers," the AP story quoted Gail Shearer, described as a "health policy analyst at Consumers Union." No mention of the rather important fact that the $5,000 "cost" is far less than these seniors would be paying without the Medicare drug benefit.

So when you head back to work Monday, thank yourself for being so generous. Even if nobody else will.

BATES

"It's obvious, Mabel. You ate too much turkey."

Letters to the Editor

Why Measure Q?

Dear Editor:

Our commitment as leaders in the healthcare community is to improve the health of all people in our community. We honor that commitment by joining together in support of Measure Q, the half-cent sales tax ballot measure. We encourage all Monterey County voters to vote yes on Measure Q.

Against the backdrop of one of the worst budget crises in California history, public hospitals face a daunting challenge of trying to meet the growing needs of their communities on a stream of revenues that is drying up.

We are a small county with a high cost of living, an above-average number of uninsured and underinsured individuals working in our economy's major industries — tourism and agriculture.

The county board of supervisors has long recognized the importance of Natividad Medical Center, but the pressures on them to cut costs and reduce services will surely continue to grow as the county experiences shortfalls of general fund dollars.

To close or reduce the services at Natividad would lead to overcrowding at Monterey County's remaining hospitals. Without Natividad there are not sufficient acute beds in the county to meet the need, resulting in a severe impact on the quality of care available.

Natividad Medical Center has approximately 3,000 emergency room visits a month. Adding that number to the other three hospitals in the county would impact your healthcare whether you use Natividad or not. There are not sufficient obstetrical beds, nursery beds or psychiatric beds to accommodate Natividad patients on a permanent basis. Unlike other areas in which county hospitals have been closed, Monterey County does not have an oversupply of beds nor excess emergency room capacity.

Measure Q will maintain Natividad's emergency room and acute care beds and make up for revenue shortfalls that will worsen as state and federal funding diminish in the future.

Independent of operations and management, the economic strains of caring for the majority of the underinsured and uninsured in Monterey County is a significant burden. However we are confident of the system of accountability at Natividad. Greater efficiencies have been implemented into all hospital operations and systems. In the first quarter of this fiscal year Natividad evi-

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denced $277,000 net profit compared to a loss of over $2 million dollars at this same time last year.

But the hospital will need a stable revenue source independent of Monterey County government, or trickle down of state funds, to meet the increase in costs not within its control, such as pharmacy costs, labor, goods and services.

Monterey County has offered voters a relatively low-cost, temporary answer to fund a much-needed resource in our county. It is estimated that tourists visiting from out of the area who purchase non-food items while visiting our county will pay 40-50 percent of the sales tax revenue. Further, as opposed to a parcel tax, patients who utilize Natividad Medical Center will also pay the tax.

An oversight committee of key stakeholders within the community will report to the board of supervisors regularly to ensure the money is used as intended in the law.

A reduced or closed Natividad Medical Center would shift additional burden of the uninsured and underinsured to SVMH, CHOMP and Mee Memorial Hospital. While the remaining hospitals are ready and willing to assume this burden, we believe it is essential that all county residents recognize that this additional burden will come at a cost of delays in service and further overcrowding of our emergency rooms.

Given these facts in Monterey County, it is a measure we simply must pass.

Charles Jervis
CEO, Natividad Medical Center
Stephen Packer, M.D.
CEO, Community Hospital of The Monterey Peninsula
Sam Downing
CEO, Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital

Natividad a 'precious asset'

Dear Editor:

Natividad Medical Center and its healthcare services are our precious assets. Community medical service affects a large spectrum of our lives: our loved ones, friends, associates and service providers. Without it our lives and the community would be affected in a sad and harmful way. Whether you realize it or not, someone close to you one day will need Natividad services. My brother-in-law did.

He was a very bright young man, all-American. He was born in Carmel, graduated from Hartnell College in 1965 with highest honors. His impressive photograph with accomplishments appeared on the front page of the Californian. He went on to graduate from USC and went to work for Dick Bruhn. He rose rapidly in the organization to become the men's clothing buyer and he established and managed three Dick Bruhn stores in Carmel. He married and produced two fine children. Then his fortune gradually turned around as a result of over-indulging in spirits. He lost his wife and job, his health and finally his life due to his terrible disease. In his later days, Natividad took him in when CHOMP and Salinas Valley Memorial would not. Natividad took care of him and surrounded him with love and care before he went to his Maker.

We will always be grateful to Natividad and stand by it, support it and help maintain its existence. There is a desperate and dire need for the services of Natividad. Any soul who says otherwise does not know or understand the facts.

I am one who always supports tax reduction and objects to tax increases. However, this half-cent increase in sales tax, equal to, on the average, 25 cents weekly (depending on how much you spend), I consider a great contribution for a great cause in our community's life. The quarter will go a long way and will be greatly appreciated by many. Thank you.

Nader Agha, *Pacific Grove*

ADA = civil rights

Dear Editor:

In response to Don Soule's letter, the following needs to be brought to the attention of him and others who feel they have the right to roll back history to a time when African Americans, women, the disabled, etc., did not have their civil rights.

It seems that Mr. Soule feels that "segregation" of the disabled is an answer that the community of individuals living with disabilities would find acceptable in lieu of attending activities with their family and friends. Since he aptly pointed out that "A man's got to know his limitations," he made very sure that we understood his personal limitation in regard to discrimination and lack of understanding that the ADA is a civil right. When will we start to see signs that say "Disabled Only" and "Able Bodied Only" drinking fountains, restaurants, back/front of the bus, theaters, etc.?

As to "the atmosphere and quaintness of the Forest Theater" becoming "jaded" by bringing the grounds and facilities into compliance with the law, it is actually time to acknowledge that perhaps it is the discriminatory mentality of some individuals that is "jaded" . . . not a law that has entitled the community of individuals living with disabilities to live "equal" lives to the best of their abilities alongside their able-bodied brothers and sisters.

Let us all remember that the laws granting rights to the disabled have been around for 30 years. Equality is not a new concept.

Mary Marques-Caramico, *Pacific Grove*

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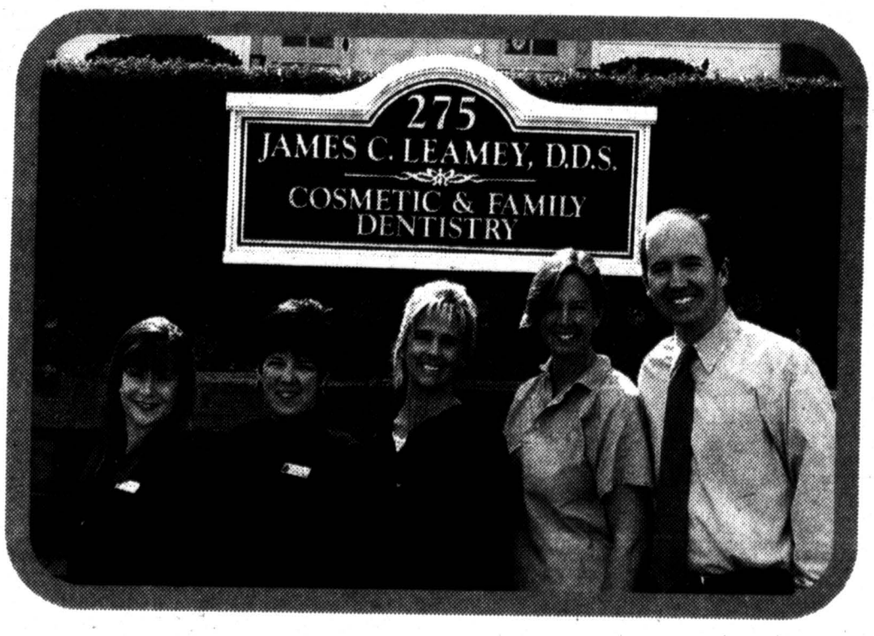

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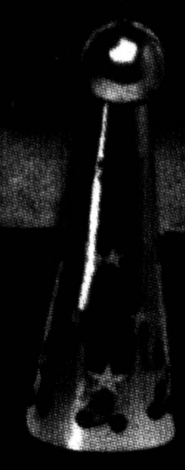

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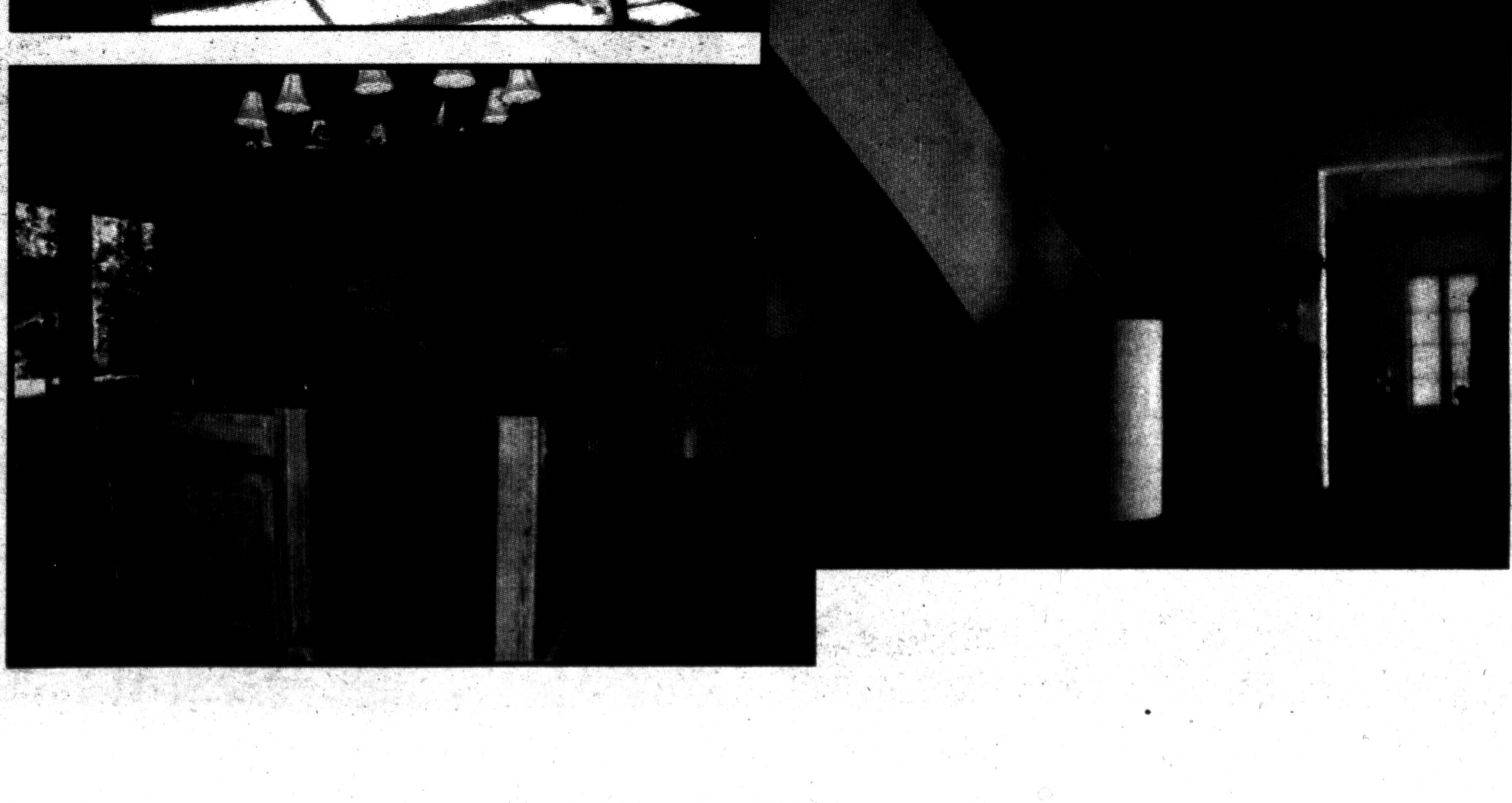
The Carmel Pine Cone

Real Estate

Yes, there are Open Houses this weekend!

Inside:

- Rules for use permits simplified
- Rare water credit granted by board



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■ This week's cover home, located in Pebble Beach, is presented by Judith Profeta of Alain Pinel Realtors
(see page 2B)

About the Cover

Under the *Tuscan* Sun

in Pebble Beach

Completely remodeled by architect Michael Bolton, this exquisite Tuscan Villa has been lavishly appointed inside and out. 19th Century doors grace the main entry; there are antiqued Clear Heart Redwood shutters; beautiful stone surrounds; new exterior doors and windows; wood floors; gourmet appliances, and a great new terra cotta barrel-vaulted tile roof. Carmel stone walkways & patios accent the new landscaping and lighting, joined by a sculpture garden, fountain, Petanque court and much more. In a desirable location near The Lodge, golf course, and beach, this pristine property presents Pebble Beach living at its very finest.

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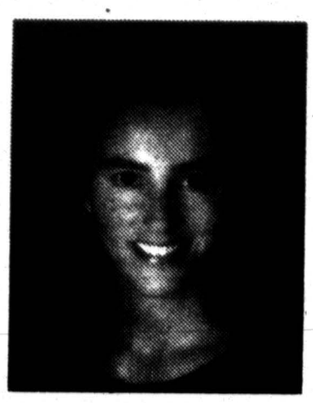

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Home sales the week of Nov. 2-8, 2003

CARMEL

Guadalupe St 4 NW Of First St $775,000
Donald & Greta Sue Marks to Jed Brusseau
Mission & 10th 4 SW $1,212,500
Sally Greig to Donald D & Greta D Marks
Santa Fe St $965,000
Alan & Terry Brite to William & Kimberle A Gentile
Carmelo St $1,400,000
Malcolm Ian Grant Gilchrist to David A & Nancy L Harris

CARMEL - SOUTH COAST

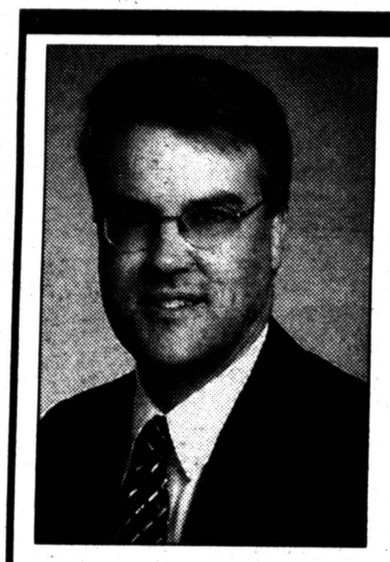
None

CARMEL VALLEY

Vacant Land $105,000
William David Powell to Don A Uribe
10451 Fairway Ln $1,000,000
Timothy P & Richard K Smucker to Brigitte Marta Seebass
296 Hacienda Carmel $232,500
Esther Hall to Marlene Storey
61 Hacienda Carmel $239,000
William David Dawson to Jane St John
Arroyo Seco Rd $100,500
Tony L & Betty J Silveira to Paul M & Dana M Guidotti
13370 Middle Cyn Rd $910,000
Roger B & Sue R Finlen to Sean Phelan O'Brien.

PEBBLE BEACH

4091 Sunset Ln $777,000
Bud C Johnson to Nassir Elmachtoub
2966 Congress Rd $975,000
Allen B & Jane E Kawa-Santos to Christopher A & Eden L R Scholink



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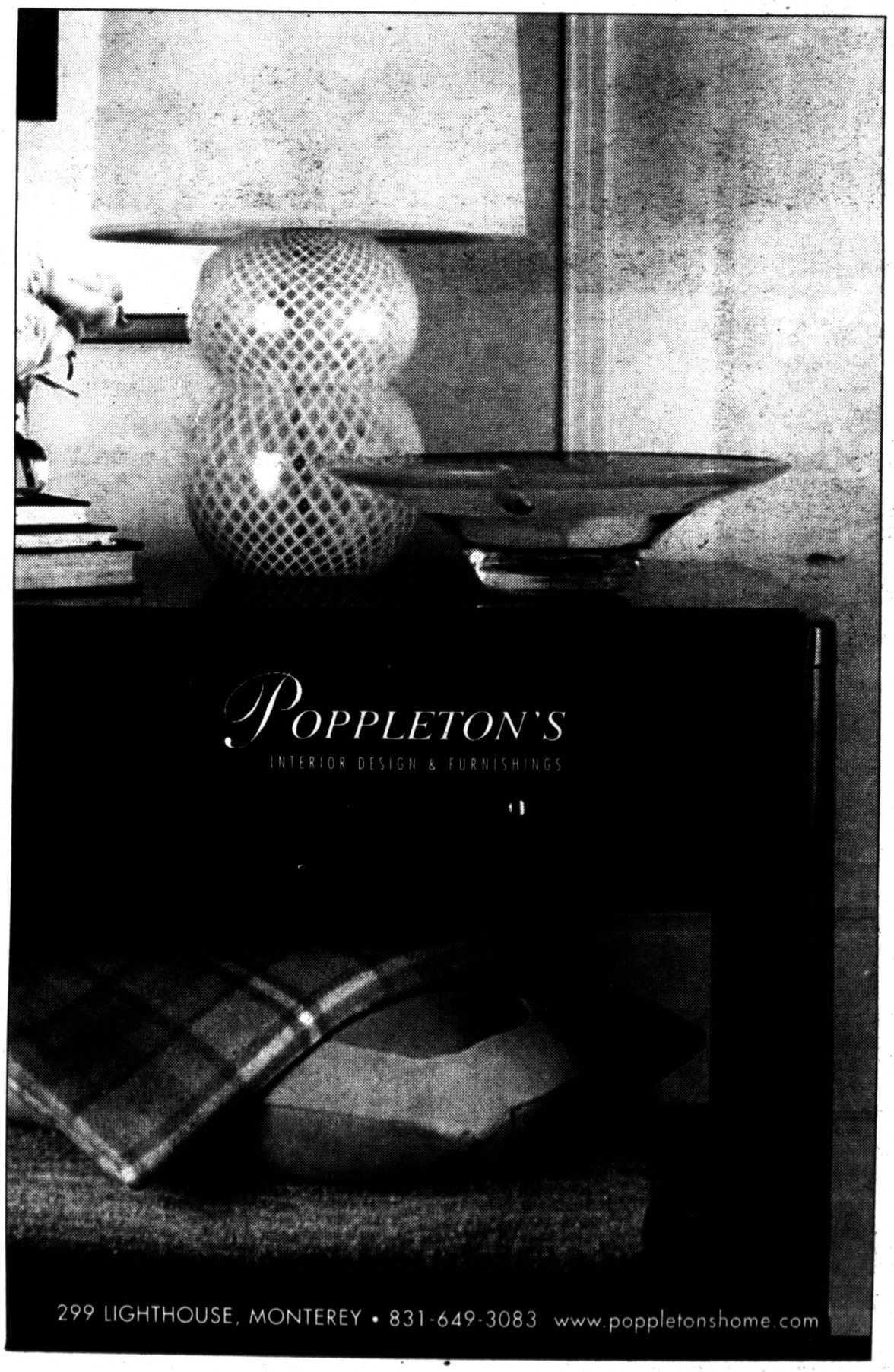

Carmel Highlands

This Extraordinary Contemporary 6700 +/- square foot home was designed by architect John Thodos. Designed as much for the exhibition of art as for fabulous living and entertaining, the home is organized around a Gallery Hall Spine, which runs north to south. In this hall niches provide showcases for the art. If you are an art collector searching for a new home, consider your search over. Asking $3,600,000.

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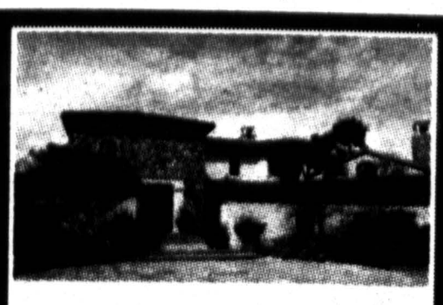
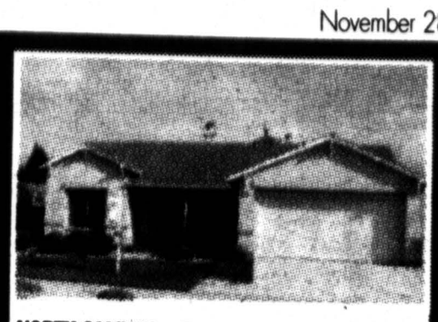


MONTEREY – Overlooking the entire Monterey Bay is this magnificent villa, prestigiously located on three private acres. Offering soaring ceilings, terraces, views from almost every window, four fireplaces, spacious master suite, state-of-the-art kitchen, butler's pantry and swimming pool. This is one of the largest and finest classic estate properties in all of Monterey.

$9,700,000 **646-2120**

CARMEL – On just under 1/4 acre, in a private setting, with views out to Pescadero Canyon and as far as the eye can see into Pebble Beach. This elegantly designed contemporary home offers almost 3400 sq. ft. of spacious interior and captivating design. Four large bedrooms, three baths, extensive decking, pond with waterfall and heated pool. Perfect for entertaining!

$1,675,000 **624-0136**



NORTH SALINAS – This home features spacious interiors with high ceilings and soaring ledges, perfect for displaying your collectibles. Enjoy a spacious living room and family room with a cozy gas lit fireplace. Three bedrooms and two baths complete this inviting home. The double attached garage has loads of storage, plus an extra shed for all your outside equipment, RV parking, and front and the rear sprinkler systems.

$399,900 **646-2120**

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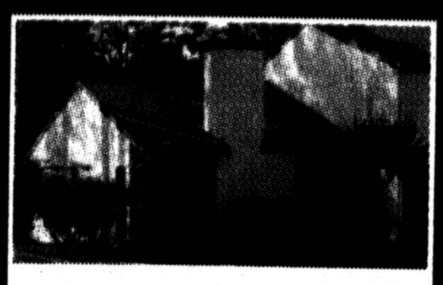
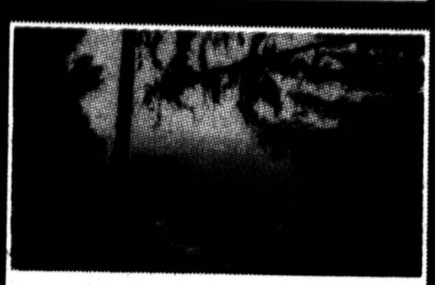


PACIFIC GROVE – One-level, privacy, and everything is new! Kitchen and baths are all new from fixtures to flooring. Additional storage has been added with new cabinets in the living room and a built-in buffet. The two-car garage complete with storage cabinets and a workbench. Close to Asilomar, the beach, Pacific Grove gold course, and shops.

$499,500 **646-2120**



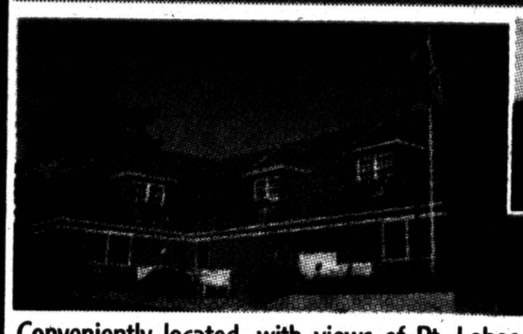
CARMEL HIGHLANDS – Wonderfully upgraded, this 2830 sq. ft. four bedroom, three and one half bath family home features three fireplaces, cherry wood kitchen cabinets, marble and wood flooring, vaulted ceilings, breakfast bar, separate dining area, wine cellar, and a two car garage. Landscaped paths, beautiful flower gardens, a fountain and deck add to the beauty of an ocean view.

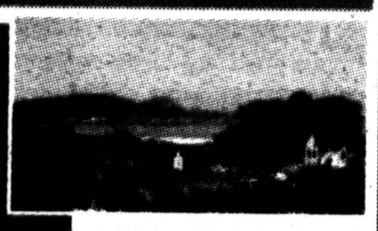
$1,800,000 **624-0136**

CARMEL – This historic ocean front property offers views from Point Lobos to to Pescadero Point, the sights and sounds of the sea are mesmerizing. Perched privately along Carmel Point, this romantic three bedroom, two bath hideaway is a short stroll to the beaches, shops and restaurants of Carmel.

$6,495,000 **624-6482**

THIS HOME HAS IT ALL!





CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

Conveniently located, with views of Pt. Lobos, Carmel Mission, and the blue Pacific, bordered by a greenbelt, this stunning "remodeled home is basically new from the ground up! Four bedrooms, three baths plus an adorable guest house, set on a meticulously maintained 4/10th acre parcel – in immaculate condition, offering every imaginable amenity. Top quality, attention to detail throughout.

$3,900,000 **624-0136**

THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF CARMEL VALLEY LIFE

CARMEL VALLEY

Complete privacy, gently sloping land with spectacular mountain views, fenced gardens with a charming garden house. The well maintained and updated house has three bedrooms, two and one half baths in addition to an attached studio with a full bath which could be the fourth bedroom, in-law quarters or an artist's studio.

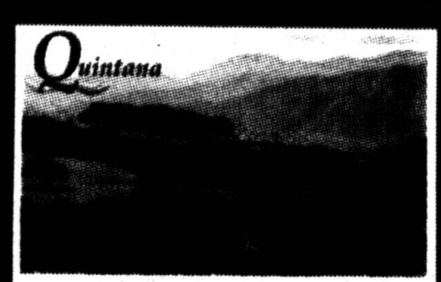
$1,050,000 **659-2267**

CARMEL VALLEY – A Touch of Santa Fe–Imagine yourself in a private paradise in the heart of Carmel Valley Village. A full acre of prize land envelops your casually elegant post adobe hacienda with mission-style wall, patios, fountain, rose arbor, and lush gardens. Perfect for entertaining. Feel the warmth of the open beam ceilings, Mexican tiled fireplace and adobe brick interior. Make this pleasant vision a reality now.

$1,250,000 **659-2267**

PACIFIC GROVE – Come bring your decorating and remodeling ideas to this classic Pacific Grove cottage. The large living room has a fireplace, nice built-in bookcases and bay windows. The kitchen is roomy and has plenty of storage cabinets and a classic stove. Nicely landscaped front yard with a small, sunny patio. The private back yard has a larger patio space and storage.

$510,000 **646-2120**



CARMEL VALLEY – The ultimate California country lifestyle. Offering ocean and valley views with great vineyard potential minutes to Carmel, California, this 2,000 acre property consisting of 10 parcels ranging in size from 90 to 350 acres uniquely captures these prized features. Quintana invites you to make this unique location your "Country Home." Prices range from $2.95 - $4.65 million.

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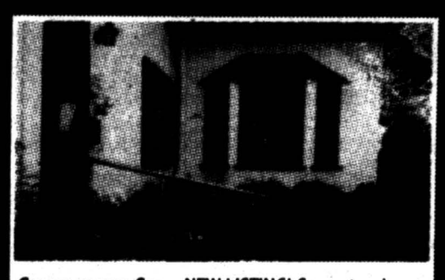
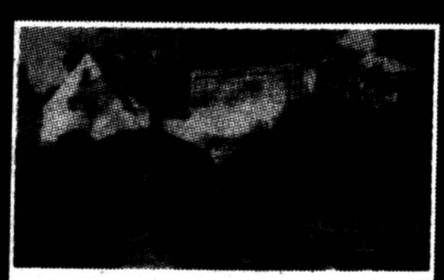


CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA – NEW LISTING! Sequestered on a sunny, yet wooded 8,000 sq. ft. secluded lot is this small quaint (not historic) cottage and gardens, surrounded by million dollar homes. This is the perfect location for your "dream home" – it even includes certified water fixture credits for three full baths! Relax to the sounds of the surf in this lovely, quiet, exclusive area, with town only a short stroll away.

$1,250,000 **624-6482**

CARMEL VALLEY – This is a rare opportunity to own 4.5 pastoral, level acres in a prime location. Ideally located west of the "Village" yet far enough out to enjoy the sunny climate. The home is nearly new, attractively designed and features three bedrooms, two baths, family room with unique raised hearth fireplace, formal dining room, breakfast room, patio and decks. Serene valley vistas!

$1,495,000 **659-2267**



CARMEL – Charming four bedroom, three and one half bath on a large corner lot south of Ocean Avenue. Perfect for entertaining with a formal dining room off of large living room with hardwood floors and stone fireplace that opens to the beautiful Carmel stone patio and secluded backyard. Enjoy the bright open kitchen with breakfast nook and bay window. Walk to town and beach!

$2,800,000 **624-0136**

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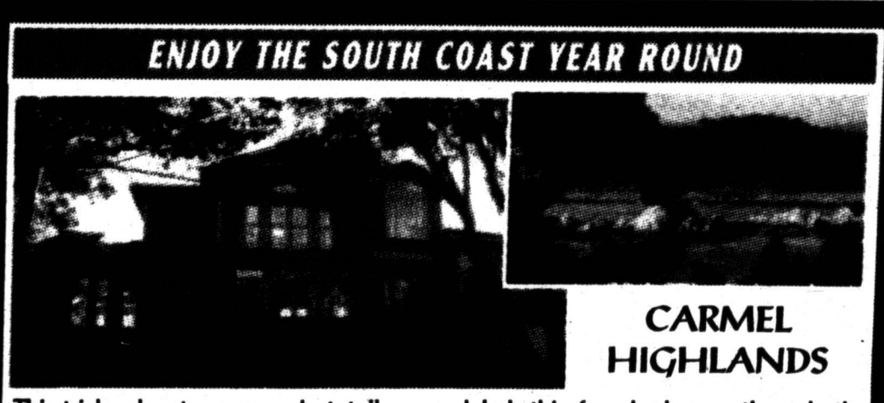


CARMEL HIGHLANDS

This tri-levelcontemporary is totally remodeled, this four bedroom, three bath home offers ocean and bay views. Amenities include two fireplaces, an all new kitchen with upgrades including granite countertops & cherry cabinets. Master suite has ocean views, private deck, and a jacuzzi tub. Radiant heat for maximum comfort! Only ten minutes to downtown Carmel!

$1,650,000 **624-6482**

ONE OF THE BEST LOCATIONS ON THE PENINSULA

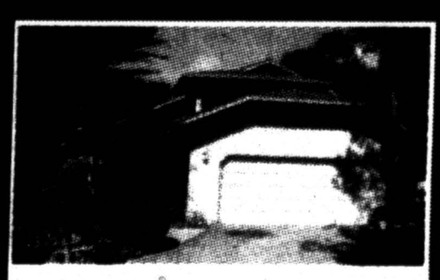
MONTEREY

Located on a quiet street in Peters Gate, you'll find this four bedroom, three bath turnkey home. Features include an open, tiled kitchen with all the amenities – great for entertaining, hardwood floors, and vaulted ceilings. French doors lead to an open patio and private hot tub area. Close to downtown Monterey.

$1,150,000 **646-2120**

CARMEL – Private corner of Carmel, away from the crowds, yet just a five minute stroll to town is this three bedroom, three bath home overlooking Mission Trail Park. The beautiful, soaring ceilings and large windows highlight the gorgeous forested views. Dramatic great room with copper-hooded fireplace and a spacious downstairs guest suite with full bath and separate entry.

$995,000 **624-6482**



PEBBLE BEACH–Superbly located near the entrance to the Monterey Peninsula Country Club is this 3,100 sq. ft., five bedroom, three and one-half bath home situated on a large corner lot. Amenities include a large family room, separate dining room, and a breakfast nook. The spacious living room accented by cathedral ceilings coupled with an open stairway adds a touch of excellence and beauty.

$1,199,000 **624-0136**

MONTEREY/SALINAS HWY – One of the most authentic and stunning homes built on the Monterey Peninsula! With more than 8,000 sq. ft., this stone house is constructed with the finest handcrafted materials and state-of-the-art efficient engineering throughout. The versatile floor plan offers ten fireplaces, six bedrooms, guest quarters, artist studio, great room with vaulted ceilings and beautiful mountain vistas. A true experience!

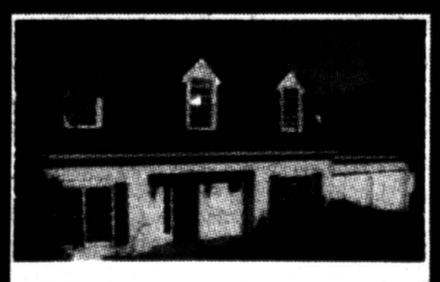
$5,995,000 **646-2120**

MONTEREY – This amazing three bedroom, two bath home has an unsurpassable view of Monterey Bay. The panoramic sights span from Lover's Point, Pacific Grove to Castroville/Santa Cruz visible from almost any room in the house. Imagine sitting on the sun-all-day patio, above the city with nothing but peace and quiet. Customize this peaceful vista to your modern daydream come true.

$695,000 **646-2120**

PEBBLE BEACH – Situated along the first hole of the Cypress Point golf course, this extraordinary property is elevated above the fairway and offers privacy with sweeping golf and white water ocean views. The comfortable home is a perfect golf getaway, yet the site also offers great potential for those seeking to build their dream home. Perhaps the best oceans view property along the course.

$5,200,000 **624-0136**



CARMEL – Located in the gated High Meadow II neighborhood of Carmel, situated on a quiet cul-de-sac is this classic New England charmer vividly displaying pride of ownership throughout. Enjoy forest views from this four bedroom three bath home offering a versatile floor plan with an eat-in kitchen, separate dining room and family room, in addition to bonus apartment with its own entrance.

$1,195,000 **624-6482**

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For a list of our Open Houses this Weekend
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Remodelers: Use permits may be history

By MARY BROWNFIELD

PEOPLE WISHING to remodel homes which do not conform with current city codes may no longer need to acquire use permits first. The Carmel Planning Commission voted 4-0 earlier this month to recommend the city council do away with the requirement.

The change is not evidence of a trend of permissiveness at city hall — just a desire to even the workload between the commission and its sibling, the design review board, according to principal planner Brian Roseth.

"A few years ago we created the DRB to lighten the load of the planning commission, so it could spend more time deliberating long-term projects such as ordinances, guidelines and programs in more depth and with community involvement," he explained at the Nov. 12 hearing. "We divvied up the types of applications and thought we had made an even split, but that has not in fact occurred."

Instead, the planning commission's monthly packet is full of design review projects, while the DRB's agenda is often fairly short due to one provision: the requirement of a use permit for work on a nonconforming building which will cost 25 percent or more of its value, according to Roseth. "And many, many houses fall into that category."

The imbalance has frustrated staff and DRB members. The change was first suggested in the draft of the Coastal Implementation Plan — the laws behind the city's Land Use Plan which are currently in the hands of coastal commission staff — but it's unlikely the implementation plan will be adopted before next year.

"We thought that rather than wait for the implementation plan adoption, we would bring this one piece forward," Roseth said, adding that reduced staffing levels in the planning department, which recently lost its director, made the matter more urgent.

He acknowledged that dropping the requirement for use permits would change the project approval process, including removing the need for a 4/5 vote of approval.

"But we believe that in the way it's been drafted, the protections this process achieves can be achieved through other means," Roseth said. According to his staff report, "Plans would still have to document existing nonconformities, and the reduction of nonconformities would still be a goal. Only the process would change."

With little discussion, the commission voted unanimously to recommend the city council drop the use permit requirement.

"I would like to spend more time on advanced planning," commissioner Alan Hewer commented.

SAN ANTONIO SPRINGS A LEAK

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

COLD WEATHER was the culprit, according to Cal-Am workers who fixed a broken water main on San Antonio Avenue Tuesday, according to Carmel Police Officer Chris Johnson. He had responded to the scene around 9:45 a.m. after hearing from contractor Lindley Howes who, while working on a nearby home, noticed water flowing across the street and into the storm drain.

The leak reportedly sprung as a result of unusually cold weather cracking the old cast iron pipe. The rupture released between 50 and 100 gallons per minute, according to Johnson, and caused significant damage to the road.

Cal-Am workers spent the early afternoon excavating the area with a backhoe, finding and patching the broken pipe.

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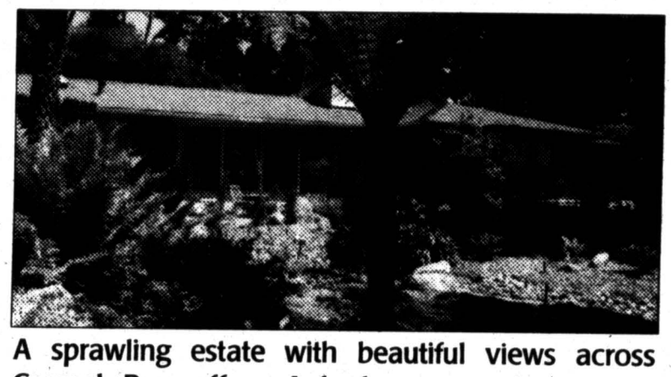

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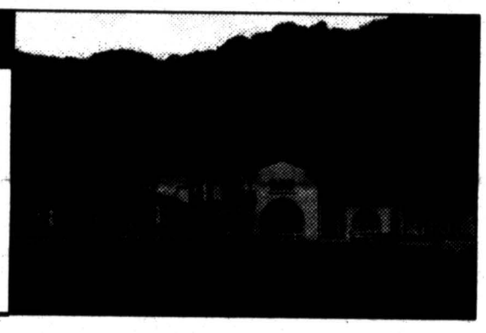

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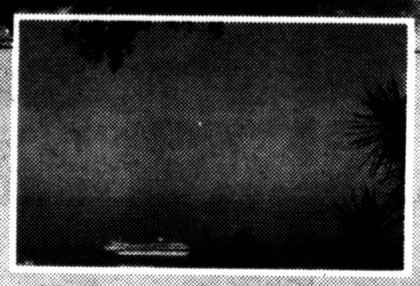

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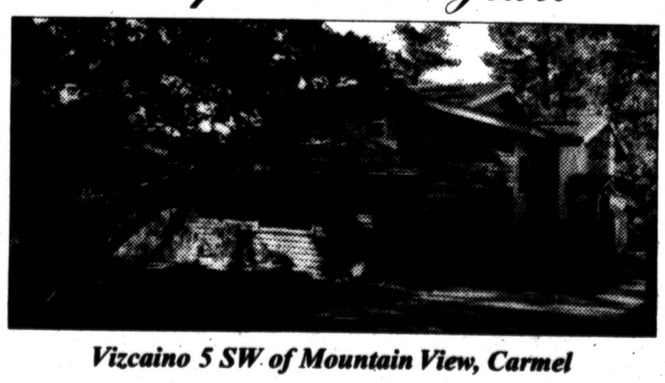

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Monterey man gets hot tub credit due to shower-tiling hardship

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE COST of retiling a shower constitutes an economic hardship, according to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District board of directors, which decided Monday night that a Monterey man could have a little more water for a third bathroom in his home.

Van Buren Circle resident Greg Hanlon came to the board to appeal general manager Fran Farina's decision that he could not use a water credit from his now defunct outdoor spa to install a shower in the new bathroom.

A permit was required in 2000, when he obtained water from the City of Monterey and paid the connection fee for the hot tub, but district rules on outdoor water fixtures changed the following year. Since water credits are no longer needed for outdoor spas, showers, fountains and other fixtures, Farina ruled Hanlon should not receive a credit for removing one.

But Hanlon claimed he was caught in the middle because he paid for a credit which is now no longer required, and therefore no longer useful. He complained he was not warned when the ordinance on outdoor fixtures changed.

Water district staff recommended the board deny the appeal and suggest Hanlon remove the second showerhead from his master bathroom and use that credit for a shower in the third bathroom.

He countered it would be too expensive to tear out the tile in the master bathroom's shower, and most of the board agreed.

"There's no way you could patch it," to match, commented director Dave Potter, a contractor. "You'd have to retile the whole shower."

District counsel Dave Laredo said the only option for granting Hanlon's appeal and a credit for the spa would be if the board found he faced an undue hardship.

"I am really troubled by this, but I'm not going to be on the board anymore," director Zan Henson said, throwing up his hands.

Judi Lehman responded, "I will be here and I am concerned this is going to be precedent-setting." The appeal appeared similar to that filed by Bruce Zanetta and Therese Beauclair last summer, when they fought denial of water credits for multiple showerheads they had obtained, but did not pay for, under an earlier ordinance. Their appeal was denied when "the board ruled that the applicant was subject to the rules in effect at the time the complete application is received," according to the staff report.

Director Molly Erickson, also presiding over her last meeting as a director along with Kris Lindstrom, said she could agree to granting the appeal so long as Hanlon's fee for the spa permit was documented. The board voted 5-2 in favor of Hanlon's request, with Lehman and Henson dissenting.

Board: No vinyl windows for Junipero hotel

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

KISHOR PATEL'S request to replace all the aluminum windows in his Junipero Avenue hotel with vinyl windows was swiftly denied by the Carmel Design Review Board Nov. 24 after little discussion. With two members absent, the board voted 3-0 against the change because it would violate the city's commercial design guidelines.

Chateau de Carmel, located at Junipero and Fifth, was built in 1958 with 18 rooms, according to planner Sean Conroy's report to the board. Although it originally featured steel casement, divided-light windows, many have been replaced with aluminum windows over the years.

Patel asked the board for permission to swap out 48 aluminum windows for double-paned vinyl windows with grids between the panes. According to the city's commercial design guidelines, the windows must be consistent with the original building design, and Conroy determined vinyl windows did not meet that criteria. The board agreed with his recommendation of denial.

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HASHIMA

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Afghanistan to visit their ailing grandmother. At one of the stops Taliban officials boarded the bus and checked to see if all the men had beards and the women were wearing burqas. Hashima was not wearing a burqa but said she was clothed in all black with only her eyes showing. That apparently wasn't good enough for Taliban officials, who beat her brother for allowing a woman in his family to go out without one. Once they were on their way again, the driver told them it would happen again at the next stop, and told Hashima to say she was alone because the guards would not beat her for it. She did so, and it worked. On the way back, she borrowed a burqa from her uncle's wife.

Hashima's mother encountered a similar situation when she went to Afghanistan to bring Hashima's other grandmother to Pakistan. At one point while the two were walking together, the elderly woman, whose eyesight was poor, lifted part of her burqa so she could see better where she was going. Taliban officials noticed and beat Hashima's mother so badly that they broke a bone in one of her hands, leaving the skin discolored for three months.

Two years ago Hashima began working for CARE in Pakistan. After U.S. and coalition forces chased the Taliban from power, her job moved to Afghanistan in 2002 and the whole family moved back with her. It was through CARE that Hashima learned of a scholarship offer from Dr. Peter Grothe, an international policy professor at MIIS.

Privately funded scholarships

Grothe, who from his own private funds has provided nearly $1 million in scholarships to 91 students over the past seven years, said he has been particularly interested in funding women from developing nations to study at the Monterey institute, which specializes in educating Americans and students from many nations in international relations and global business. Grothe said he decided to donate a scholarship to an Afghan woman when he saw what the Taliban had done to the educational system in that country. Out of all those who applied, CARE recommended Hashima as "highly worthy," Grothe said. She is the only student he has given a full scholarship to. "Nadia is everything we hoped for and three times more," he said. "She is really dedicated to helping her own people." He even extended her scholarship, which was supposed to be six months, to a year.

Hashima, who attends the institute as a non-degree student, now has two options: she can either go back to Afghanistan in January after finishing her studies at the Institute, or she can stay here and get a bachelor's degree, which she feels would enable her to be more effective when she does go back. Kabul has a university, but she described it as having no resources, including no library. She has applied to several undergraduate programs here in the U.S. and is waiting to hear back.

Plans for Aghanistan

Whether she returns to Afghanistan sooner or later, Hashima's goals are the same. She plans to continue working with two of CARE's six programs in Afghanistan: The first is CARE's widows program, which gives 10,000 widows in Kabul monthly food rations and provides them with vocational training. The widows program is run entirely by women, and "That's what I love most about it," Hashima said. The second program she works with is the education program, which she said has established 380 schools in several provinces, including teacher training and education programs for girls and women whose education was interrupted by the Taliban.

Hashima said she had always dreamed of being a doctor, but when she completed high school, because of her situation as a refugee in Pakistan, was unable to study in a university. Now, because of all that has been happening in her country, her aspirations have changed. She has become increasingly interested in policy and said in the long-term she would like to work for Afghanistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Who knows — she may one day be president of her nation.

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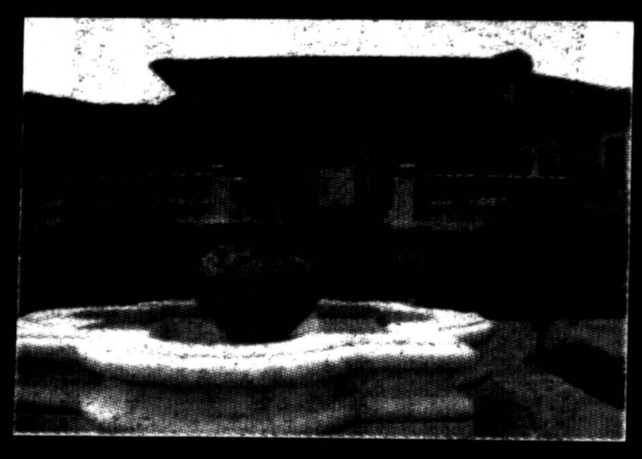

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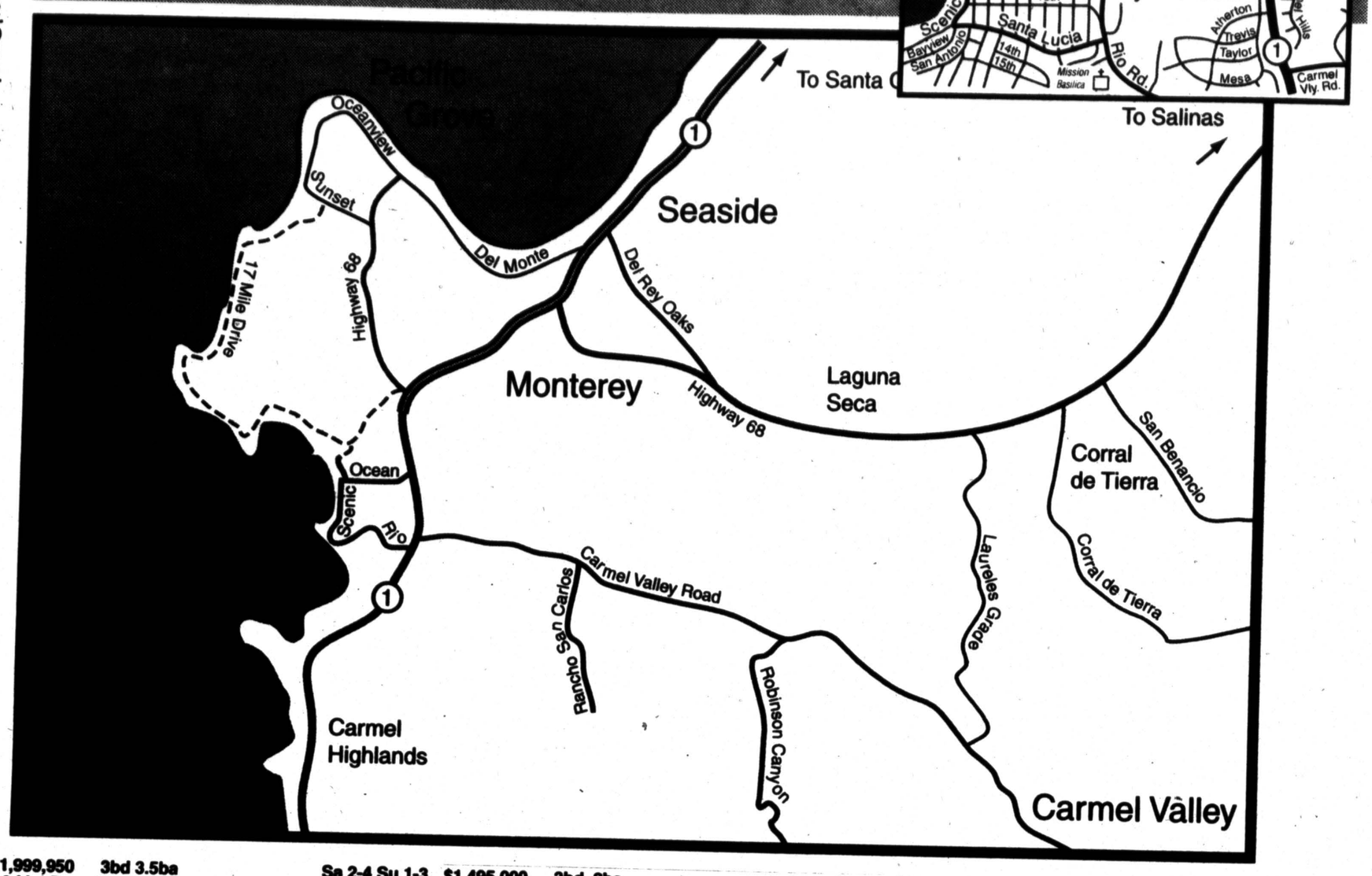

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$4,995,000 4bd 3ba 3SE of 2nd Alain Pinel Realtors		Sa 1-4 Carmel 622-1040

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$2,895,000 3bd 3.5ba 30778 San Remo Burchell House Properties		Sa Su 1-4 Crml Highland 624-6461
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$2,250,000 4bd 4ba 129 Carmel Riviera The Mitchell Group		Sa2:30-4:30 Su1-3 Crml Highlands 624-0136
$2,695,000 5bd 4+ba 125 Carmel Riviera Alain Pinel Realtors		Sa 1-4 Crml Highlands 622-1040

CARMEL VALLEY

$589,000 2bd 2ba 10 Via Contenta #D The Mitchell Group		Su 12:30-2 Carmel Valley 659-2267
$799,000 2bd 2ba 9807 Club Place Lane The Mitchell Group		Su 1:30-3:30 Carmel Valley 659-2267
$849,900 4bd 2.5ba 25651 Ryan Place Prudential California Realty		Sa 1-4 Su 2-4 Carmel Valley 776-1600
$865,000 2bd 2ba 9602 Buckeye Court Alain Pinel Realtors		Su 1-4 Carmel Valley 622-1040
$869,000 3bd 3ba 10476 Fairway Lane John Saar Properties		Sa 12-3 Carmel Valley 622-7227
$899,000 3bd 3.5ba 9351 Holt Road Alain Pinel Realtors		Su 1-4 Carmel Valley 622-1040
$899,000 4bd 2ba 25731 Tierra Grande Drive The Mitchell Group		Su 12:30-2 Carmel Valley 659-2267
$915,000 4bd 2ba 134 Country Club Dr By Owner		Sa Su 12-4 Carmel Valley 624-6018
$939,000 3bd 2ba 27315 Schulte Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte		Su 1-3 Carmel Valley 626-2221
$1,090,000 4bd 3ba 1 Scarlett Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte		Su 1-4 Carmel Valley 626-2222
$1,250,000 3bd 2ba 25 Via Milpitas The Mitchell Group		Sa 12-4 Carmel Valley 659-2267
$1,399,000 4bd 3.5ba 9321 Holt Road Alain Pinel Realtors		Sa 1:30-4 Su 1-4 Carmel Valley 622-1040
$1,495,000 3bd 2ba 7076 Valley Greens Circle John Saar Properties		Sa 2-4 Carmel Valley 625-0500
$1,595,000 3bd 2.5ba 7936 W Carmel Valley Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte		Sa 1-3 Carmel Valley 626-2221

DEL REY OAKS

$619,000 3bd 2.5ba 15 Brae Place Coldwell Banker Del Monte		Su 1:30-3:30 Del Rey Oaks 626-2222

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$395,000 1bd 1ba 125 Surf Way #318 Alain Pinel Realtors		Su 12-2 Monterey 622-1040
$559,000 3bd 2.5ba 1360 Josselyn Cyn Rd #11 Coldwell Banker Del Monte		Sa 1:30-4 Monterey 626-2222
$569,000 3bd 2ba 682 Taylor Street The Mitchell Group		Sa Su 1-3 Monterey 646-2120
$738,000 3bd 2ba 1481 Via Marettimo John Saar Properties		Su 2-4 Monterey 625-0500
$869,900 3bd 3ba 698 Grove St Coldwell Banker Del Monte		Su 1-3 Monterey 626-2222
$995,000 3bd 2ba 16 Cielo Vista Coldwell Banker Del Monte		Su 1:30-3:30 Monterey 626-2222
$995,000 3bd 2ba 28 Sierra Vista Coldwell Banker Del Monte		Sa 1-4 Su 1-3 Monterey 626-2222
$1,185,000 3bd 3ba 25420 Boots Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte		Sa 11-1:30 Monterey 626-2222
$1,235,000 3bd 3ba 11 Victoria Vale The Mitchell Group		Sa 1-3 Monterey 646-2120

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$695,000 3bd 3ba 14182 Reservation Road The Mitchell Group		Sa 12-2 Su 1-3 Mtry/Slns Hwy 659-2267
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$1,595,000 3bd 4ba 25381 Quail Summit (x Whip Rd) Prudential California Realty		Su 2-4 Mtry/Slns Hwy 915-9752
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$2,689,500 4bd 4ba 25600 Boots Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte		Sa 1-3 Su 2-4 Mtry/Slns Hwy 626-2222
$2,950,000 4bd 4+ba 108 Via Del Milagro The Mitchell Group		Sa 2:30-4:30 Mtry/Slns Hwy 659-2267
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$549,000 2bd 1ba 309 Park St. Alain Pinel Realtors		Sa Su 1-3 Pacific Grove 622-1040
$719,000 3bd 2.5ba 2901 Ransford Coldwell Banker Del Monte		Su 1-3 Pacific Grove 626-2226
$725,000 2bd 1ba 975 Lighthouse Alain Pinel Realtors		Sa Su 1-4 Pacific Grove 622-1040
$745,000 2bd 1ba 310 Carmel Ave Alain Pinel Realtors		Sa 2-4 Pacific Grove 622-1040
$775,000 3bd 2ba 607 Carmel Ave Alain Pinel Realtors		Sa Su 1-4 Pacific Grove 622-1040
$839,000 3bd 2ba 135 Forest Avenue John Saar Properties		Su 2-4 Pacific Grove 625-0500

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$889,000 2bd 2.5ba 4121 Sunset Lane Coldwell Banker Del Monte		Sa 1-3 Pebble Beach 626-2222
$995,000 3bd 2.5ba 3041 Strawberry Hill Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte		Sa 2-4 Su 1-3 Pebble Beach 626-2222
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$1,350,000 4bd 3ba 1093 Herders Rd Coldwell Banker Del Monte		Su 1-3 Pebble Beach 626-2223
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$1,850,000 6+bd 4+ba 1667 Crespi Ln The Mitchell Group		Fri 1-3:30 Pebble Beach 624-0136
$1,975,000 4bd 3.5ba 1043 Lost Barranca Alain Pinel Realtors		Su 1-3 Pebble Beach 622-1040
$2,798,000 5bd 4+ba 1022 Broncho Alain Pinel Realtors		Su 1-4 Pebble Beach 622-1040
$3,100,000 6+bd 4+ba 1579 Griffin Road The Mitchell Group		Sa 12-2 Pebble Beach 624-0136
$3,195,000 4bd 4.5ba 64 Spanish Bay Cir Coldwell Banker Del Monte		Sa 1-4 Pebble Beach 626-2222
$3,200,000 4bd 3.5ba 1456 Padre Lane The Mitchell Group		Sa 1-3 Su 1-4 Pebble Beach 624-0136
$3,495,000 4bd 3.5ba 1205 Benbow Alain Pinel Realtors		Su 1-4 Pebble Beach 622-1040
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meet his wife, who works at a nearby restaurant and bar.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted subjects sitting in a vehicle at Scenic and 13th at 0016 hours. One of the subjects was in violation of curfew. They left for home after she was warned.

Carmel area: Lost/found/missing property at Carmel Center Place and Rio Road.

Carmel area: Call initiated for an officer in the area of Highway 1 46.4 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Carmel area: Harassing phone calls received at a Mission Fields Road residence five minutes ago.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Complaint of construction beginning at Santa Rita and Second before 0800 hours. Contacted a contractor who said he didn't realize it was so early and had forgotten about the ordinance. He said he would cease construction until 0800 hours and apologized.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver of a 2003 Dodge backed into a city-owned tree on San Carlos Street north of Fifth Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a lost/disoriented elderly female who walked into the market at Junipero and Sixth. She provided her name and address but could not say how or why she came to Carmel. Her caregiver also called CPD to report her missing. Caregiver said they were at the market at San Carlos and Seventh when she left briefly to use the restroom. Female wears an I.D. bracelet but frequently takes it off. It was suggested the caregiver check subject's wrist before each outing to ensure it's on.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a constantly crying child in the apartments at Lincoln and Seventh. Contacted the child's mother, who advised the baby was teething and it was normal for her to cry until falling asleep. The child appeared to be a healthy 15 month old who was clean, neat and well cared for.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male and his 73-year-old mother were contacted in a black Ford van in the Sunset Center parking lot at 0229 hours. They were advised and warned regarding camping overnight in their vehicle. They were provided information on local campgrounds.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a barking dog at Scenic and Eighth. Area check conducted; no violations were found.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject contacted at Scenic and 12th at 0209 hours rummaging through the back bed of a pickup truck. He was clear of any wants or holds. The truck belonged to him.

Pebble Beach: Warrant service on 17 Mile Drive at the Pacific Grove gate. Subject located.

Carmel area: Warrant service at a Highway 1 residence.

Carmel area: Credit card fraud at a Torres Street residence.

Carmel Valley: Suspicious circumstances at a Ford Road address.

Carmel Valley: Information taken at a Holt Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Attempted to contact a subject at a Sunnyhill Drive residence.

Big Sur: Welfare check on a subject in Garrapata Canyon. Possible victim of a physical domestic dispute.

Pebble Beach: Suspicious circumstances at a Bird Rock Road residence.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted subjects at Del Mar at 2351 hours possibly sleeping in a vehicle. The subjects were conversing within the vehicle. Both subjects were clear of any wants or holds.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded with EMS units to report of a medical emergency on Guadalupe Street. Arrived with CRFA ambulance and contacted the resident, who had fallen in her home and sustained an injury to her head. She was subsequently transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a barking dog at Guadalupe and Third. Arrived and noted a constantly barking dog in the backyard. While attempting to contact the homeowners at the door, they drove up. They advised they were at a play and were unaware the dog was barking and apologized. No prior contacts. Warning given.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female called from work in Salinas because she couldn't find her purse and thought she might have left it outside of her residence before leaving for work this morning. Area checked; purse not found.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: During patrol of Carmel Beach, contacted a subject building sand sculptures who has been known to set up business and panhandle by sculpting sand figures and soliciting money from beach visitors. He was told to stop and quit what he was doing. He said he understood, packed up and left.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Burglary of an unlocked Monterey Street residence. Entry gained via unlocked door and a purse and currency valued at $215 were taken.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded to a parking problem at San Carlos and Fifth on report a subject had parked in a spot reserved for a dumpster. Unable to locate the vehicle owner. He advised he would just wait for the vehicle to move. Suggestions offered on how to make the reserved space more visible to the public to avoid a similar incident in the future.

Carmel Valley: Audible burglary alarm at a Carmel Valley Road address.

Carmel Valley: Miscellaneous patrol at a Carmel Valley Road address.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Complaint that construction had started before 0800 hours at Santa Rita and Second. Upon arrival at 0743 hours, heard pounding of hammers. Contacted the job foreman for the subcontractor who advised he wasn't aware of the ordinance and apologized. Ongoing problem, so contacted the building official, who said he would be issuing a citation because of previous violations.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unknown driver struck a pedestrian on Dolores Street and fled the scene.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male Torres resident, age 36, arrested at Mission and Fifth for public intoxication. His 1990 Volvo was left parked in a hotel parking lot.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded to a call of a dead cat in the roadway at Camino del Monte and Junipero. Upon arrival, discovered it was a dead raccoon. Transported the raccoon back to the station and placed it in the dead animal bin. Monterey County Animal Control Services was notified and will pick it up tomorrow morning.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of property damage at a church at Lincoln and Seventh. One of two large potted plants had been knocked off the wall. The pot was destroyed. Pots were donated at a value of $40. No known suspects at this time.

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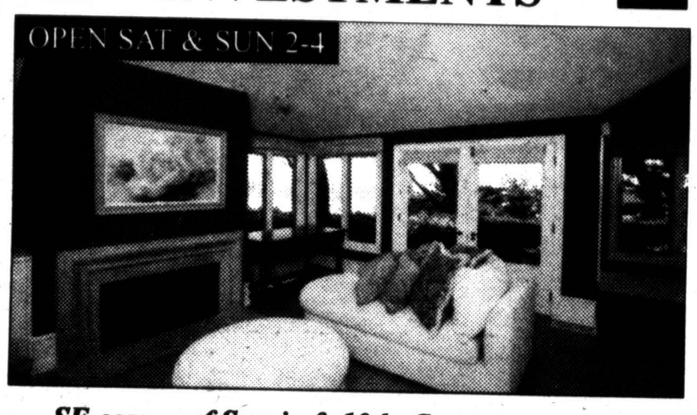

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Complaint of a white van blocking a driveway at First and Torres. Female said she has had ongoing problems with construction workers next door impeding her driveway. She didn't want anyone cited or towed but did admit she has had prior contact with the workers at least twice. Contacted the primary site contractor and advised him is is responsible for subcontractors. He apologized and asked the van driver to move to another spot. A warning was also issued for a trailer parked in the same location for more than 48 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dispatched to meet with an MCSO deputy at Santa Fe and Mountain View due to a possible crime in Carmel. Deputy thought it might be in city limits. No further assistance needed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Complaint of live music at the American Legion Hall on Dolores. He was advised the hall was allowed to have the live music since the function was private. He then complained about the frequency of problems in the area following any function there. He was told to contact the department if there was any indication of any unreasonable noise being made by attendees at the hall. Drove past the area on various occasions and noted no problems. Also conducted surveillance during a time when many attendees were leaving and again noted no problems. Information also forwarded to code enforcement officer and met with the complaining party personally about his concerns and the findings.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of dogs barking excessively and constantly. Upon arrival, they were barking in the back yard of the residence. Note left for resident to call the police department. Neighbor did not wish to file any formal complaint but did ask the resident be contacted and counseled regarding responsibility. At approximately midnight, resident spoke to the officer via telephone and was counseled. She had thought her son was going to be home to take care of the dogs, but he went to the movies instead. No prior contact with this subject. Information forwarded to animal control officer.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: 911 hangup from American Legion Hall. Contacted person in charge who advised he had been making numerous calls and did not remember dialing 911. No emergencies or problems noted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Outside assistance on a civil matter rendered at Sixth and Lincoln. Incident involved a transient subject and the Novato Police Department.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported receiving obscene/threatening phone calls at her office from 09/01/03 to 11/28/03.

Carmel Valley: Past-tense battery at a Hillside Drive residence. Occurred two days ago.

Carmel area: Grand theft from a Raymond Way residence. A wallet and other items totaling $600 in value were taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway at the residence.

Carmel area: Civil problem at a Santa Fe Street residence. Dispute between the resident and a contractor regarding overcharges for remodeling work.

Carmel Valley: Suicide threat at a Salsipuedes Road residence.

Carmel Valley: Suspicious circumstances at a Los Laureles Grade residence.

Carmel area: Assault with a weapon on Carmel Rancho Lane.

Big Sur: Welfare check conduced on a possible DUI driver on Highway 1 28 miles north of the San Luis Obispo County line.

Carmel area: Subject refused to a leave a Dolores Street location and caused a verbal peace disturbance.

Carmel Valley: Audible alarm outside an Esquiline Road residence.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Responded to a cottage at Torres and Fifth concerning a parking problem. Resident said she put orange cones out to save her space while running errands. When she returned, someone had removed the

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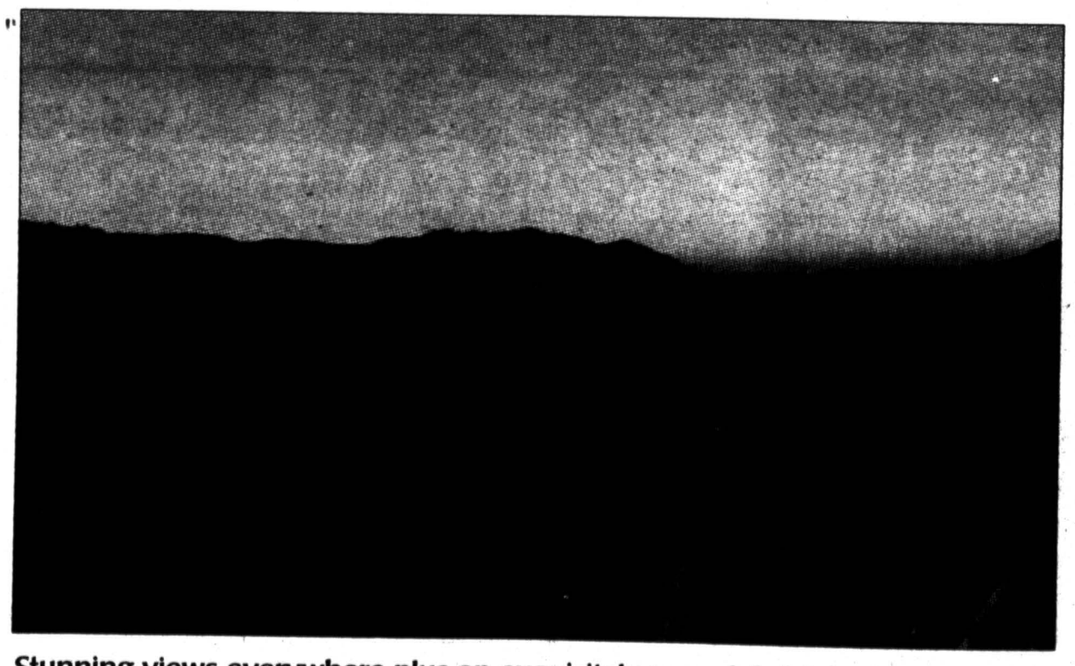

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cones and parked in her space, forcing her to use her neighbor's spot. She wanted the offending vehicle towed but was informed the vehicle was legally parked on city property. She apologized and said she thought it was part of her property and hoped it was just an isolated incident due to the craft fair.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male Palo Colorado Canyon resident, 30, arrested at Guadalupe and First for being drunk in public and resisting a public officer. He was cited at Monterey P.D. Incident witnessed by a restaurant employee.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Mission and Sixth for being parked in a no parking/tow-away zone posted since Thursday. Blue 1995 Honda Civic contained portable CD player, school books, calculator and a small beaded purse.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Petty theft from a women's apparel store at Mission and Fifth. Taken was $120 worth of clothing when the business was open. A female witnessed the theft and described the suspects.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Red 1989 VW Jetta towed from Dolores and Ocean at 0530 hours for parking in an area posted no-parking/tow-away zone since Thursday. Cited and stored by Carmel Chevron.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: 911 hangup received from a Monterey Street residence at 2020 hours. Upon callback, resident reported a theft. She stated someone had just stolen a stack of checks after she locked her house and went to the post office. On return, she noticed about 25 checks were stolen. No signs of forced entry, but she feels someone has a key. Advised it seemed odd that within only 10 minutes someone would enter her home to only steal checks made out to a specific business. She was adamant the checks were at her house and not at work. She was advised to have the locks changed, and as the officer left, she yelled that she had found the checks in another room of her house.

Carmel Valley: Insane person at an East Carmel Valley Road residence.

Pebble Beach: Audible alarm outside a Padre Lane residence.

Carmel area: Grand theft from a Carmel Rancho Center business.

Carmel area: Telephone call from a Birch Place residence.

Carmel area: Subject found in possession of stolen property at a Summit Field Road residence.

Carmel area: Suspicious circumstances at Highway 1 and Ocean Avenue.

Carmel area: Information taken at Fourth Avenue and Dolores Street.

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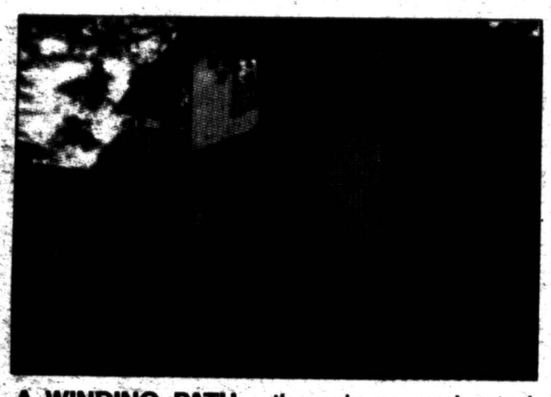

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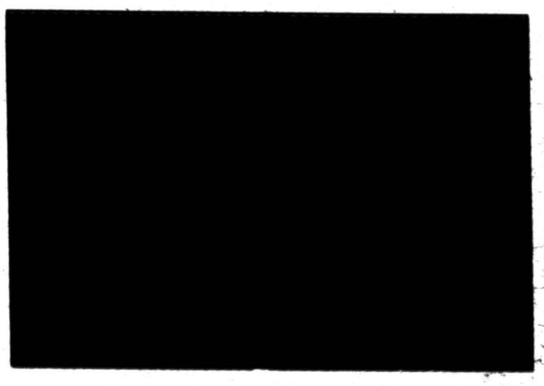

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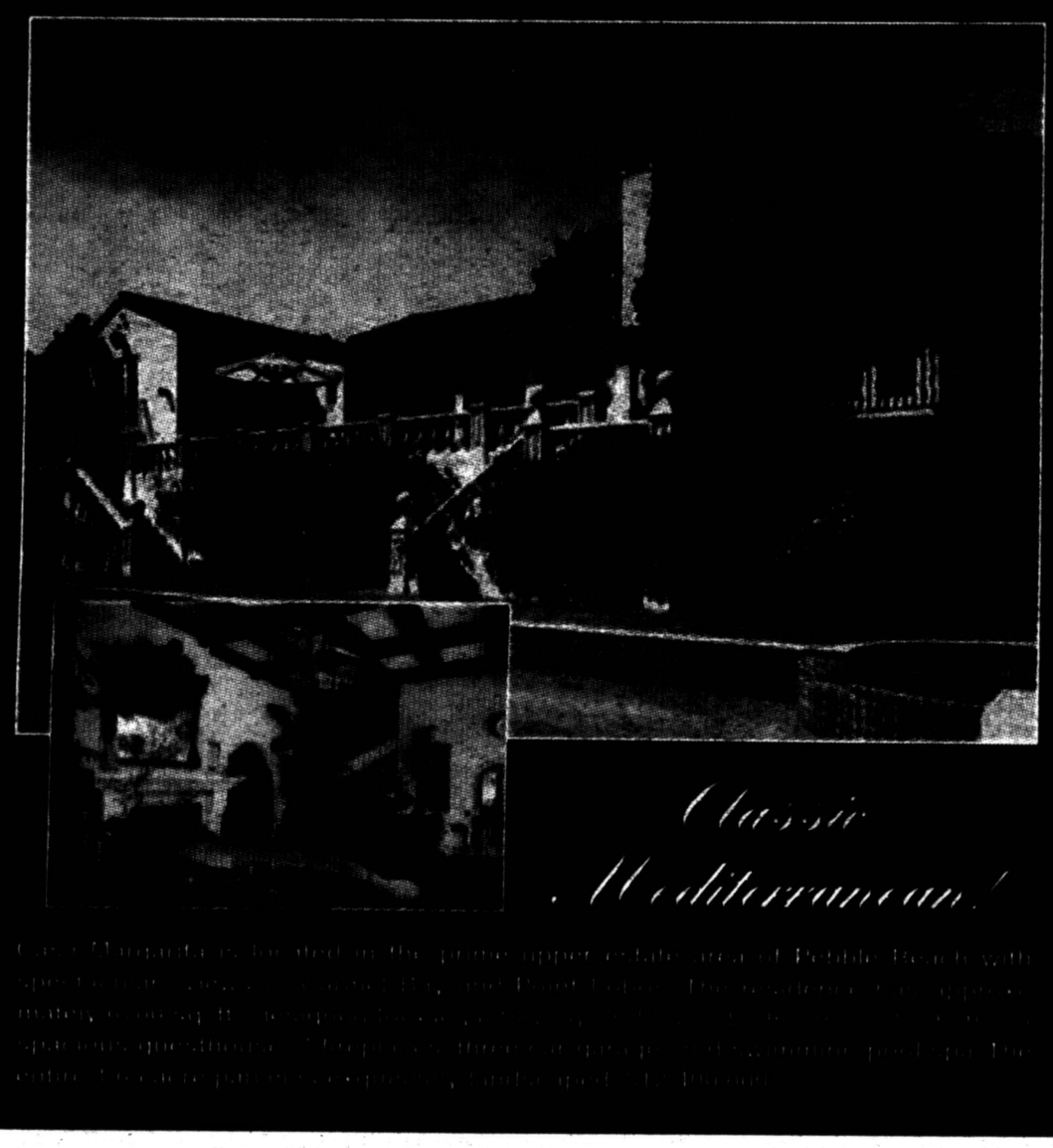

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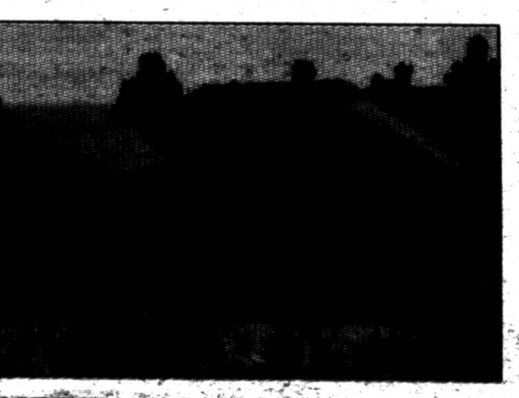

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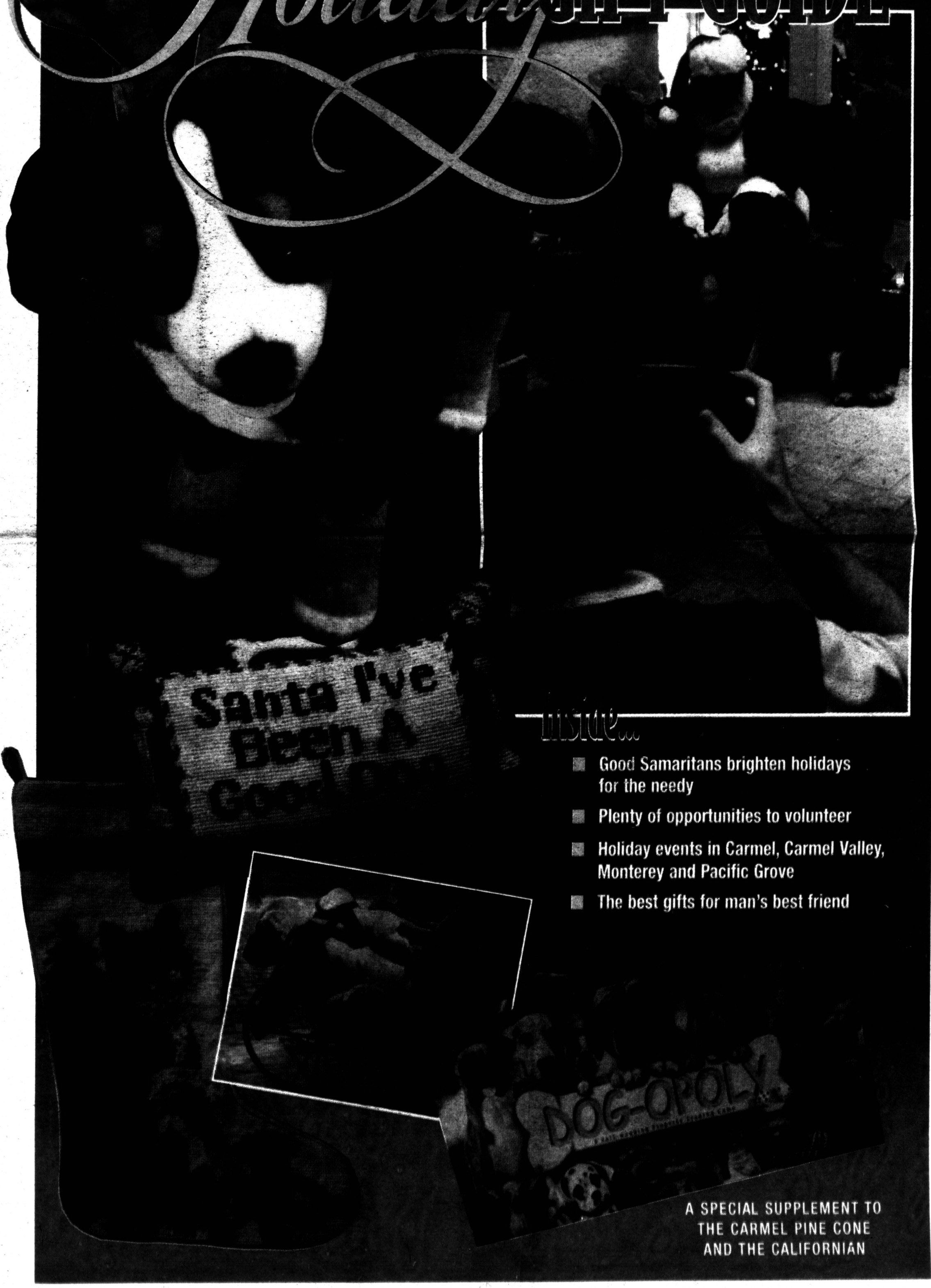

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A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO
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OFFERING LOVE, ONE SHOEBOX AT A TIME

By HILARY HANLON

THIS TIME of year our mailboxes are stuffed with catalogues from merchants who hope their products will be on Christmas lists. Children, especially, are eager to pore over the glossy pages and select toys for Santa to bring them. Living in such abundance as we do, it is difficult to imagine that securing a cup of water or a bite of food is met with equal fervor by suffering children half a world away.

Operation Christmas Child began in 1990 to help children in Romania's orphanages and was later embraced by Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief organization headed by Franklin Graham. Since the project's inception, Operation Christmas Child has delivered 24 million gift-filled shoeboxes, many of them to children who have never received a Christmas present.

"For many children around the world, Christmas is just another day without hope. Operation Christmas Child is really about communicating love and caring to those who desperately need to know they matter," says Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse.

The shoeboxes reach children who are victims of disease, poverty, famine and natural disaster. Last year more than six million shoeboxes reached children in 95 countries including Afghanistan, Uganda, Sudan, Panama and the Philippines. Shoeboxes were collected internationally in Austria, Australia, Canada, Finland, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Switzerland, the United States and the United Kingdom.

PHOTO/HILARY HANLON

Three-year-old Eleanor Weber of Carmel is one of the participants in Operation Christmas Child, which Renée Carper, co-director of children's ministries at Carmel Presbyterian, says "allows children the joy of giving to other children."

Carmel Presbyterian Church has participated in collecting and sending shoeboxes for three years.

"Last year was a huge success! We collected 211 shoeboxes and $1,118 that went towards sharing God's love with needy children around the world. This year we hope to do even more," says Greg Carper, pastor and director of the children's and family ministries with his wife, Renée, at the Carmel Presbyterian Church.

A caring gift

One might wonder how a shoebox of toys can bring any lasting hope or relief to a suffering child. While the shoebox cannot change the miserable conditions many of these children face, it is a very personal way to let children know they are cared for. What child doesn't feel loved when a gift is given?

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In Latin America last year, Operation Christmas Child brought gifts to thousands of children living in the worst conditions imaginable. Most of the children must work in garbage-strewn ghettos in rural villages to survive. Their parents have no jobs. After the children open their shoebox gifts, volunteers from Operation Christmas Child reported, a chorus of laughter built in the air and once hopeless faces lit up. One little girl who had no shoes was thrilled to open her box that con-

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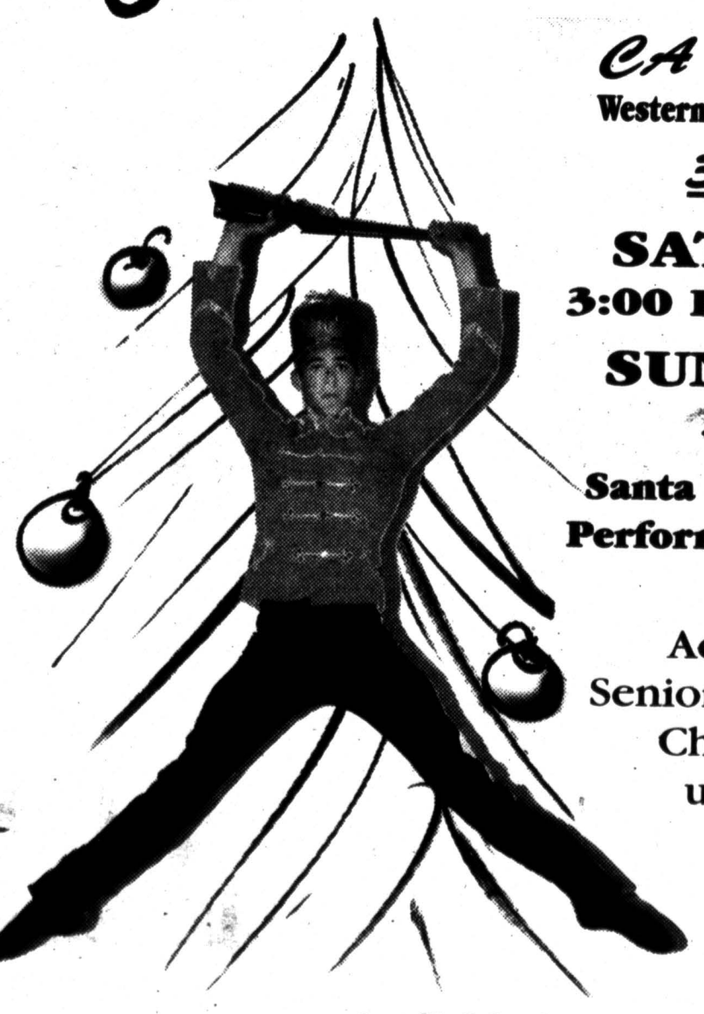

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Another round of care packages to be sent to U.S. troops in time for holidays

By REGAN CAREY

OPERATION YELLOW Ribbon, in conjunction with the Red Cross's Operation Care and Comfort, is collecting goods in preparation for another shipment of care packages to U.S. soldiers in Iraq in time for Christmas.

Joan Bizzozero, who is heading up the effort, said the response to her appeal for help with packages for American soldiers has been "absolutely phenomenal" and added, "I don't think I've ever seen anything where the community has become so involved." The first batch of packages the group sent far exceeded her expectations — she had estimated they would have enough goods for about 100 packages, but in the end they were able to send almost 200.

One soldier already sent a letter to the Red Cross in appreciation of the last shipment, shipped out the first week of November, saying it "strengthens our resolve to get this type of thing from home."

Bizozzero said she also received word that the troops who received those packages plan on sending letters of thanks to the school children who wrote letters for that first round.

The holiday shipment will be assembled on Dec. 4 at the Gateway Center by residents and volunteers. Drop boxes for those wishing to donate goods for the packages are located at The Hand Maiden sewing shop at 620 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove and at Dakota Jake's Restaurant and Saloon at 907 Main St. in Salinas. To find out more about contributing, call Bizozzero at 625-5128.

SHOEBOX

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tained a pair of pink tennis shoes which fit her perfectly. A shoebox reached one young boy in Africa who recently lost both of his parents to AIDS. In addition to getting his first present, he found a friend. "I am so happy to know you love me. Thank you for loving me," wrote the child to the boy in America who packed the shoebox and enclosed a letter of friendship. At a hospital in Asia for terminally ill children, a doctor was crying at the bed of one child who had received a shoebox. The doctor said, "This child has been here for some time, and I've never seen her as happy as she is today. The joy you have brought through these boxes is indescribable."

As Christmas Day draws near and we gaze blankly at our crowded shelves and cupboards wondering where we will put this year's Christmas presents, we can feel strangely separated from the season's true meaning. The simplicity of giving a shoebox gift can remind us. "The baby born in a manger was God's way of telling us He cared and loved us," says Carper. If you would like to send a shoebox to a child, you have a little more time before all of the boxes make their incredible journey around the world.

Guidelines for giving

Here are some guidelines to follow: First, select an age category for a boy or a girl you would like to help: 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 years old. Then, fill a shoebox with appropriate toys and other items for a child that age. Popular items include small toys, stuffed animals, balls, games, candy, T-shirts, coloring books, school supplies and hygiene items such as soap, toothbrush and toothpaste. The children also enjoy personal notes and family photos people include in their shoeboxes. Include a check for $5 for shipping. Attach a note with the gender and age you've selected on the box top. Deliver the shoebox to Carmel Presbyterian Church (located on the corner of Junipero and Ocean) by 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30.

To learn more about Samaritan's Purse or to help with other ongoing relief outreaches visit the web site at www.samaritanspurse.org. or call (800) 353-5949.

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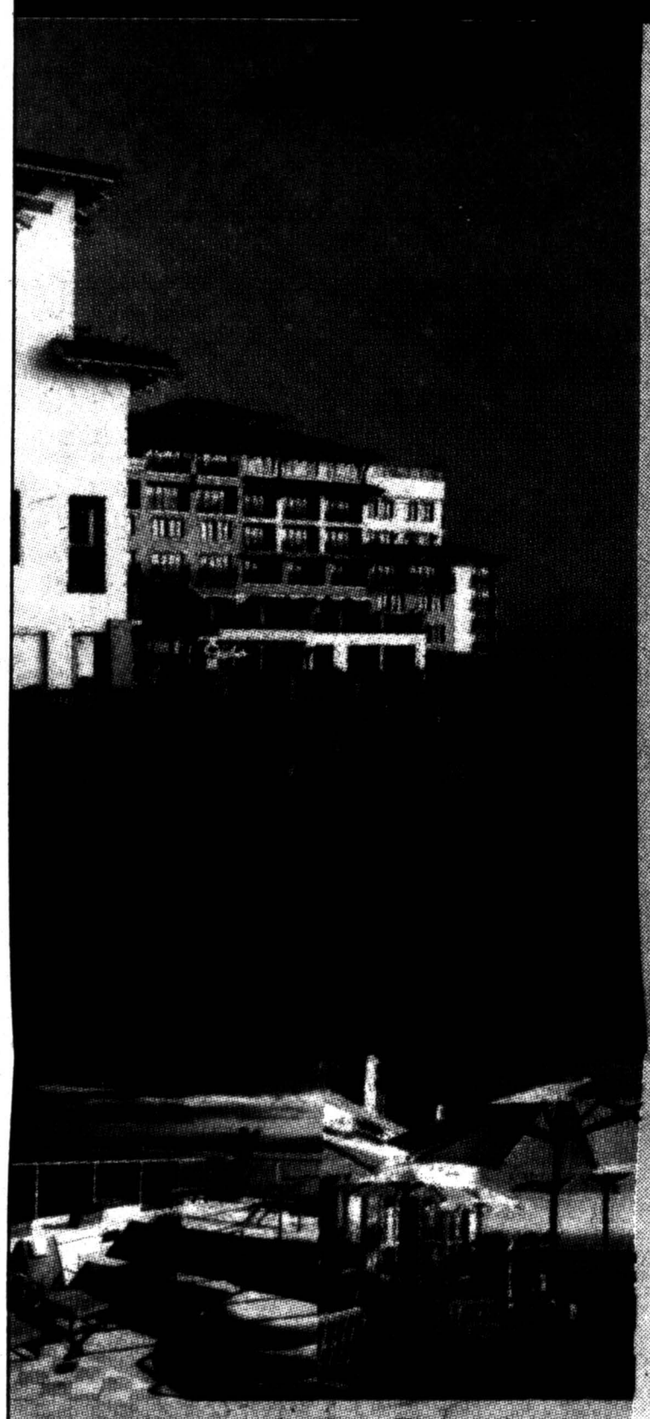

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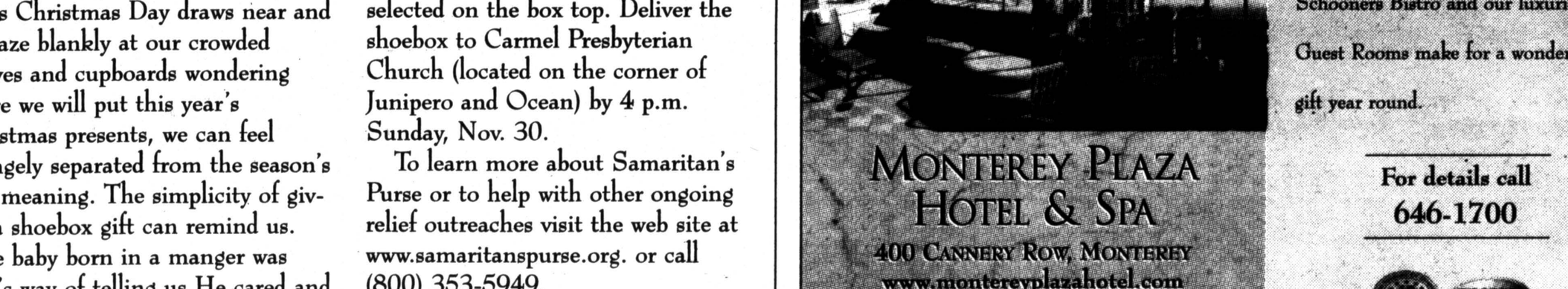

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Short on cash but big of heart? Volunteer!

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AS THE holiday season kicks into high gear, Salvation Army bell ringers occupy every street corner, food banks solicit dozens of turkeys for community dinners, and those who would rather give time than money have ample opportunities to do so.

The Volunteer Center of Monterey County's mission is to match volunteers with their ideal jobs, and there are plenty.

"One of the things I like to share with folks is, it's wonderful, it's wonderful, it's wonderful, it's wonderful to volunteer over the holidays. We all feel good when we do that, and most of us have a little extra free time," said volunteer center executive director Vicki Bamman. "But it is equally important to volunteer throughout the year."

While the center can provide volunteers with ways to serve after a short telephone conversation when time is of the essence — such as someone who may want to assist with food drives this weekend — Bamman prefers a face-to-face meeting to help find the right match.

"When someone is interested in volunteering, they call us and we schedule an appointment," she explained, adding that the center's main offices are in Salinas but the nonprofit has a satellite office on the Peninsula as well. "We have a sit-down opportunity to get an idea of who they are, their areas of expertise and what they're interested in learning.

"Then, on the basis of that, we get back to them with three recommendations of volunteer opportunities that would suit them and match what they are looking for," she said.

The Volunteer Center finds those matches by perusing the jobs its member organizations need filled. Only nonprofit and not-for-profit agencies can enlist the help of the center, and the possibilities span from one-time tasks to ongoing assignments. "Sometimes, it's a matter of volunteering for an occasion, such as when someone goes in and serves at the Thanksgiving meal at the Monterey Fairgrounds.

Sometimes it's a case of going to the Alliance on Aging and answering phones every Thursday afternoon," she said.

"And sometimes a person comes in who says, 'I really want to work with people with purple polka-dots. If we don't have that but we have an opportunity to work with people with green polka-dots, we'll offer that. But if working with people with purple polka-dots is particularly dear to the person's heart, we'll keep searching until we find something. We will seek out volunteer opportunities to suit the individual."

For the holiday season, the volunteer center is in need of help with a couple of tasks. If interested, contact the center immediately at 757-3206 for further details.

A Salinas nonprofit will be raising money this holiday season by offering gift wrapping in exchange for donations at Del Monte Center in Monterey Nov. 28-30 and again Dec. 15-17. Volunteers should be at least 16 years old, and community service credit is available.

Facing great demand, an area food bank is going into overdrive in its efforts to gather food donations for needy families during the holidays. Volunteers ages 13 and up are needed to distribute informational fliers outside malls and grocery stores throughout the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Nov. 28-30. Don't forget to dress warmly!

If neither of those opportunities sound enticing, the center offers many more:

- A Salinas library needs a computer lab technician to assist clients;
- a nonprofit which offers free tax preparation to senior citizens needs volunteers (no experience necessary; training provided) to help countywide from Jan. 15 through tax day;
- an agency is searching for a receptionist to answer phones on Fridays;
- a fundraising group could use help drumming up support in local schools;
- a King City preschool would like a helper to come play, read, paint and participate in kids' small group activities;
- a Salinas toy library needs a repair person to keep its collection functioning;
- Marina needs volunteers to work with kids in an after-school program;
- a brand new Salinas nonprofit is searching for help of all kinds;
- a bilingual legal services volunteer is needed in Monterey;
- and even the Volunteer Center even needs help organizing and launching a new program. Volunteer Ventures will gather a group of "busy, hardworking adults who provide extra hands for special evening and weekend group projects at nonprofit agencies." The group will meet monthly.

"It's my experience that volunteering changes lives," said Bamman, who spent part of her career pairing solitary elderly residents with youth in need of direction and responsibility. During her two decades working with Monterey County nonprofits, she said, "I've seen the magic it can create."

For more information on volunteering — at any time of year — contact the Volunteer Center of Monterey County at 757-3206 or toll-free at (800) 408-9191.

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HOSPICE'S TWINKLING TREES OF LIFE KEEP MEMORIES ALIVE

By MARY BROWNFIELD

ANGELIC VOICES will herald the lighting of Hospice Foundation's Trees of Life around the county this year, with celebrations set for the Monterey Marriott in downtown Monterey, National Steinbeck Center in Salinas and San Benito Bank in Hollister in December.

The annual tradition offers remembrance of loved ones in a unique and touching way while helping others who are suffering at the ends of their lives. Each of the thousands of white lights on the three Trees of Life represents a minimum $20 donation to support county end-of-life care programs.

In exchange for their gifts, donors can have cards commemorating their contributions sent to whomever they choose, and the names of the donors (if desired) and those honored are recorded in a Memory Book kept at each location throughout the holiday season.

Monterey's Tree of Life — which will come to life during a ceremony Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. — will shimmer atop the Monterey Marriott again this year for all to see. And tapping in on the success of last year's decision to move the party indoors, festivities will be held inside the Monterey Conference Center rather than in Portola Plaza, without threat of rain and free from traffic noise.

Festive decorations will adorn the halls and the mellifluous voices of the Stevenson School Chamber Singers will herald the lighting of the tree, which guests will go outside to view.

Hospice Foundation's Tree of Life in Salinas will be lit Dec. 10, also at 6 p.m., as the Monterey Peninsula Youth Chorus and the Northminster Chancel Bells perform in the rotunda of the National Steinbeck Center.

The Hollister Tree of Life will begin twinkling Dec. 11 at a 5:30 p.m. ceremony at San Benito Bank, 300 Tres Pinos Blvd., during which choirs from San Benito High School and Sacred Heart Elementary School will sing again this year.

The Trees of Life help raise thousands of dollars each year, and all the money goes to nonprofit hospices and other end-of-life care programs in Monterey and San Benito counties. Since its founding in 1997, the foundation has donated $7.4 million to community groups, including $1.37 million this year.

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Week of festivities to kick off holidays in Pacific Grove

Parade of lights set for Dec. 4

By REGAN CAREY

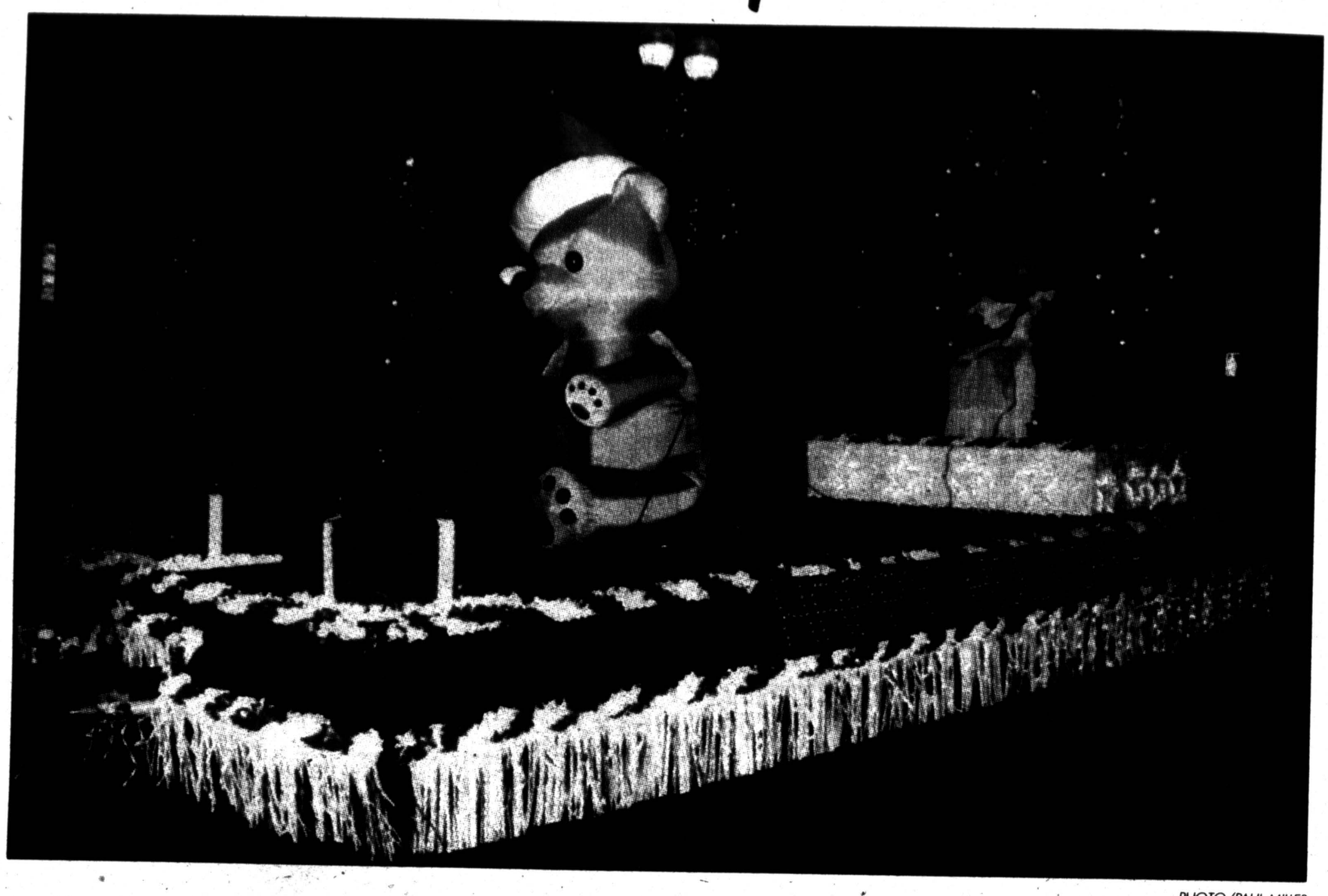
PACIFIC GROVE'S official Christmas tree will be illuminated at 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1 on Central Avenue between Jewell Park and the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, launching a week of festivities in America's Last Hometown.

Christmas at the Inns

As part of the week-long Holiday Festival in Pacific Grove, 11 of the city's bed-and-breakfast inns will be decked in holiday regalia and open to the public for the 19th Annual Christmas at the Inns. The two-evening event, set for 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 2-3, will feature live entertainment and refreshments at every stop.

Each inn will also offer special reduced room rates and packages for overnight guests. Participating locations include Centrella Hotel, Gatehouse Inn, Green Gables, Gosby House, Grand View Inn, Inn at 213 Seventeen Mile Drive, Jabberwock Inn, Martine Inn, Old St. Angela Inn, Pacific Grove Inn and Asilomar.

The $20 tickets ($10 for children 12 and under) include both nights and can be purchased from the Chamber of Commerce at 373-3304.



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A professional parade organizing company will plan the Parade of Lights, to be staged for its second year in downtown Pacific Grove on Dec. 4.

Parade of Lights

Thousands of people are expected to line Lighthouse Avenue Dec. 4 to watch the color, magic and lights of creative floats and marching musical groups in a unique holiday celebration called the Parade of Lights, sponsored by the Pacific Grove Business Improvement District. The parade will start at 6 p.m.

This year, the business district brought in a professional parade organizing company to help make the parade more exciting in its second year.

"We are looking forward to having even more lighted floats, musical entries and entertainment in the 2003 parade. It will be another magical evening," said Sherrill Ash of The First Noel, a retail shop on Lighthouse Avenue

Parade entries will gather on Pine Avenue, travel down Fountain Avenue to Lighthouse where they will turn left to Park. Spectators will be able to view the parade from the sidewalks and center parking aisle all along Lighthouse Avenue. Plenty of parking is available in the city lots behind Lighthouse Cinema and Bank of America as well as along numerous side streets. Lighthouse Avenue will be closed to parking beginning at 5 p.m. to make way for the parade.

Snow in the Park

On Saturday, Dec. 6, area residents will be able to get a tiny taste of white winter when Pacific Grove hosts the 10th Annual Stillwell's Snow in the Park. Caledonia Park will be blanketed in snow and draped in holiday lights for the occasion, and there will be a 6-foot-high snow slide, inflatable bouncing games, hay rides, a petting zoo, pony rides and complimentary refreshments. Kids will also have the chance to meet the Snow Queen when she visits the park and then give Santa their Christmas wish list when he arrives at noon.

The festivities begin at 10 a.m. and will last until 3 p.m.

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The Carmel Pine Cone

Artists' fair returns to Carmel Valley Dec. 6-7

THE CARMEL Valley Artists' Christmas Fair has been eagerly awaited each year for the past 22, and this year's event will again be worth the wait.

Visitors will find wood, stone, and metal sculpture; pottery; jewelry; hand-painted silk scarves; photography in black and white and color; leather bags and accessories; ornamental ironwork; hand-turned wooden bowls; art glass and handcrafted clothing.

Discover these original art works at the artists' Christmas Fair on Dec. 6 and 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the theater at the Hidden Valley Institute of the Arts.

"This is the place to come for a really special gift," said Jennifer Klein, co-founder and show coordinator. "We'll have works of exceptional quality from a wide variety of local artists."

Food and beverages will also be available.

Hidden Valley Institute of the Arts is located on Carmel Valley Road at Ford Road in Carmel Valley Village.

'Festival of trees' returns to Del Monte Center

■ First Night Monterey benefit includes $20,000 kitchen makeover raffle

THE HALLS of Del Monte Center will be decked with 50 spectacularly decorated Christmas trees this December, when the center presents the Festival of Trees, benefiting First Night Monterey, Dec. 5 through 7. A fundraising gala will take place Saturday evening, with Monterey Mayor Dan Albert and his wife, Joanne, as honorees.

Also at the gala, the winner of a $20,000 kitchen makeover raffle will be announced.

"It's been several years since the Monterey Peninsula has seen this popular holiday festival, and the center is pleased to bring it back to the area," said Del Monte Center General Manager Mike Geiger. "The festival affords holiday shoppers a great opportunity to purchase a uniquely decorated tree, while at the same time benefiting a dedicated family arts organization."

The trees, donated by J&M Moving and Storage, will be decorated in special themes by a variety of local businesses and corporations. From diminutive 3-foot creations to 10-foot masterpieces, the trees will showcase a wide range of decorating options. A panel of local experts will give awards for creativity, materials and best theme. The purchased trees will be carefully wrapped and privately delivered to the winning bidders, courtesy of Cardinale Moving and Storage. The festival will also feature scores of silent auction items such as wreaths, holiday sprays, ornaments, vacation getaways, restaurant dining and other gifts.

And for the price of a $10 raffle ticket, Monterey Peninsula residents have a chance to win $20,000 in products and services toward a kitchen makeover.

Products include $3,000 worth of appliances from McPhail's Appliance

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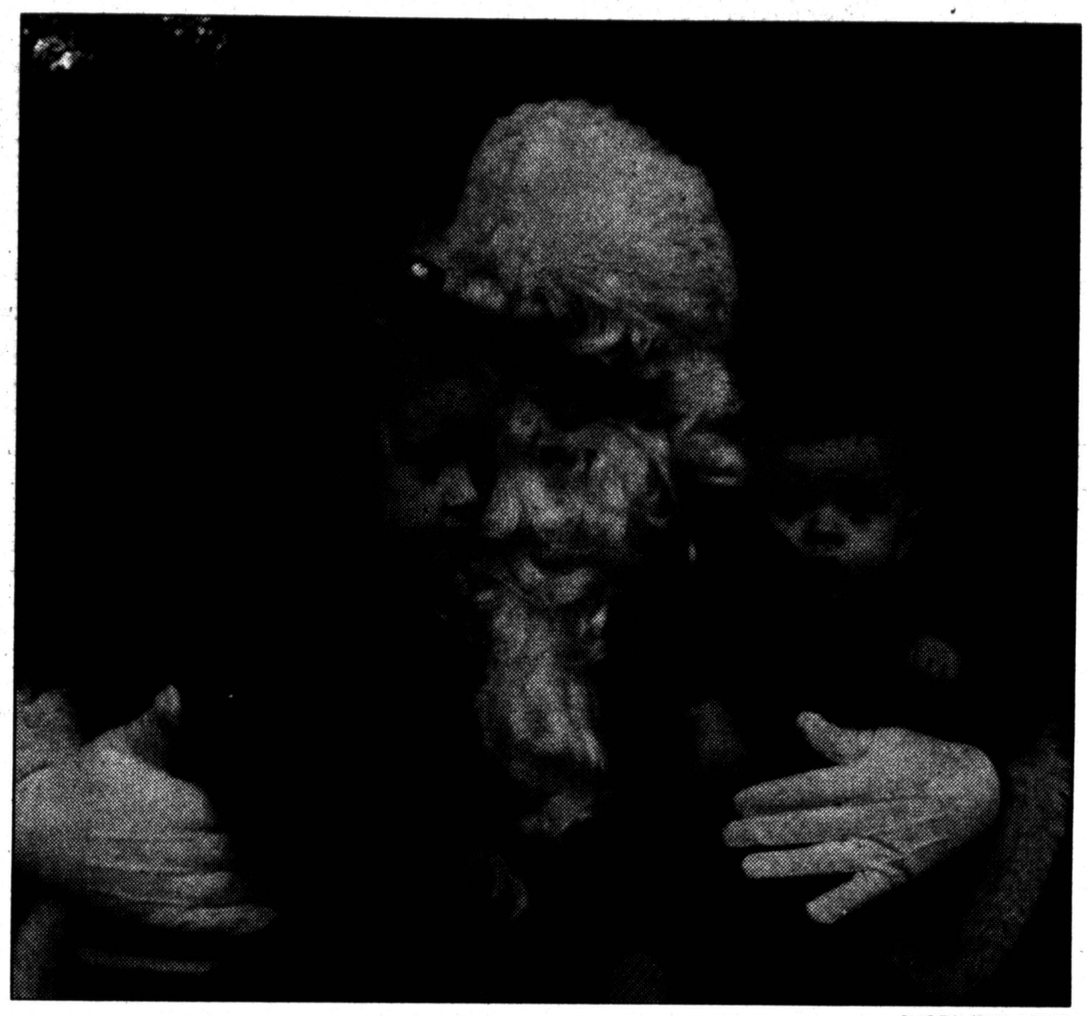
A Santa pause



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Santa Claus will be offering plenty of hugs around the Monterey Peninsula this season. Here he embraces youngsters in Carmel's Devendorf Park.

William Ritschel, *Monterey Cypress*, c. 1930, Oil on board, MMA Collection

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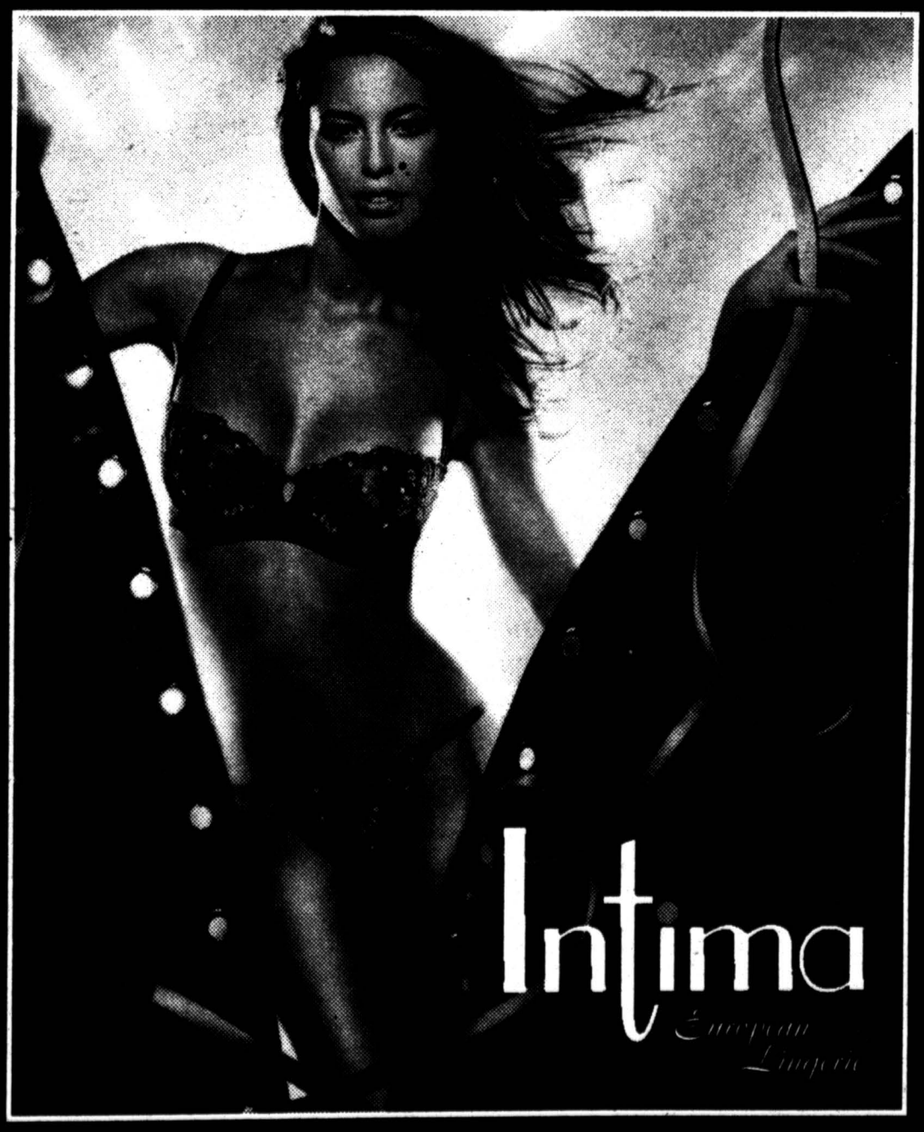

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The winner of the kitchen raffle need not be present at the Saturday night gala to win.

The trees will be located in the former bank branch at the west end of Del Monte Center, with public viewing and bidding beginning at 10 Friday morning, Dec. 5.

'The festival affords holiday shoppers a great opportunity to purchase a uniquely decorated tree, while at the same time benefiting a dedicated family arts organization.'

— Del Monte Center

Tickets for the Festival of Trees will cost $5, with children under 12 admitted free. (The admission fee will be waived with the purchase of a First Night New Year's Eve button.)

Tickets for the Saturday night gala honoring Joanne and Dan Albert are $85, or $750 for a table of 10. They can be purchased in advance from the Del Monte Center office (373-2705) or the First Night office (373-4778).

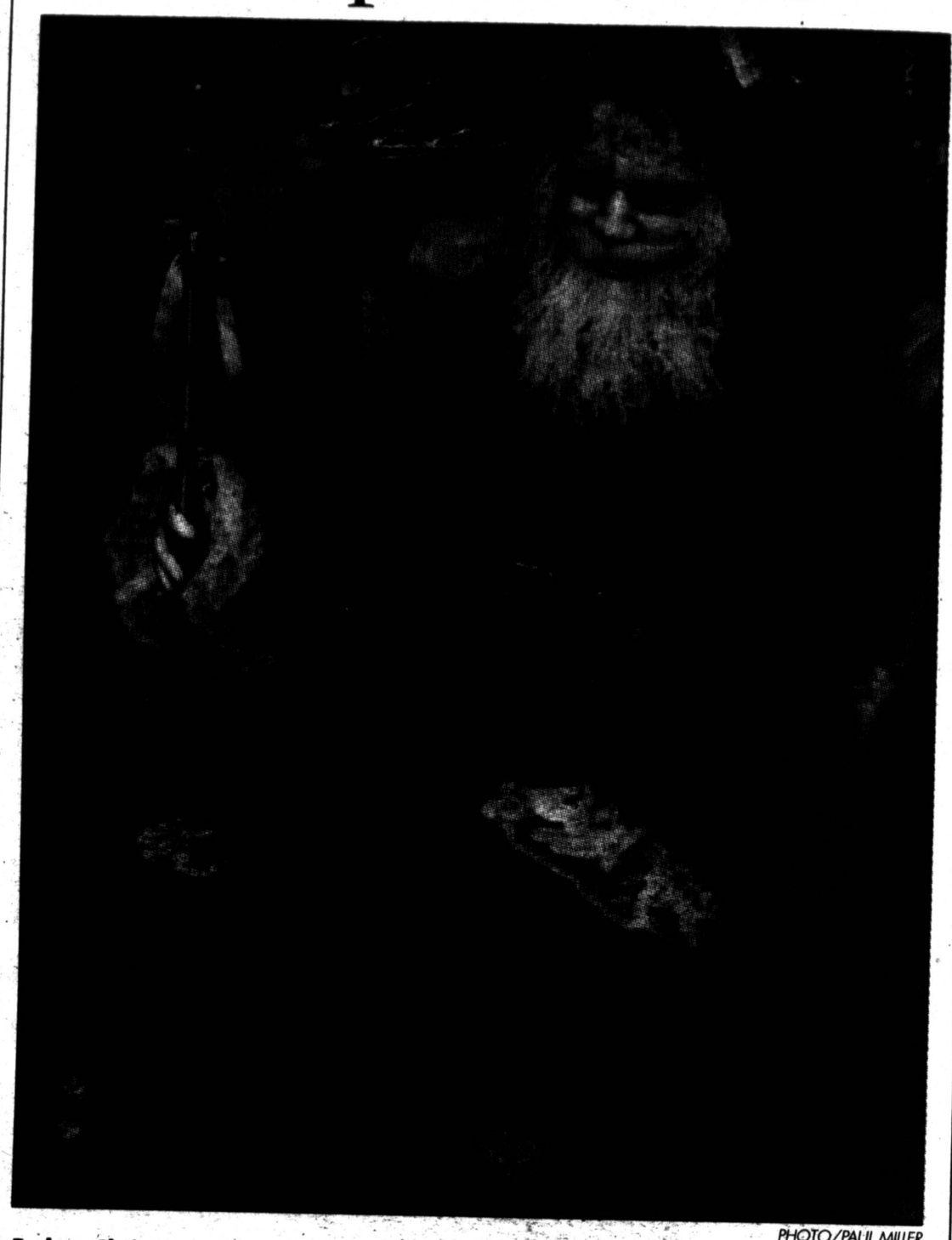
Raffle tickets are available at the First Night Monterey booth at Monterey Market, the First Night and Del Monte Center offices and at all of the participating stores.

All proceeds benefit First Night Monterey, now in its 11th year of presenting high-quality, mutlicultural art programming to more than 45,000 Peninsula residents on New Year's Eve.

Hours for the Festival of Trees are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 5 and 6, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7.

Santa and his elves will be on hand to welcome adults and children to the fest. There will also be local music and booths featuring paintings and sculpture, baked goods, refreshments, greeting cards and holiday gifts for sale by local artists and not-for-profit organizations.

Sumptuous Santa



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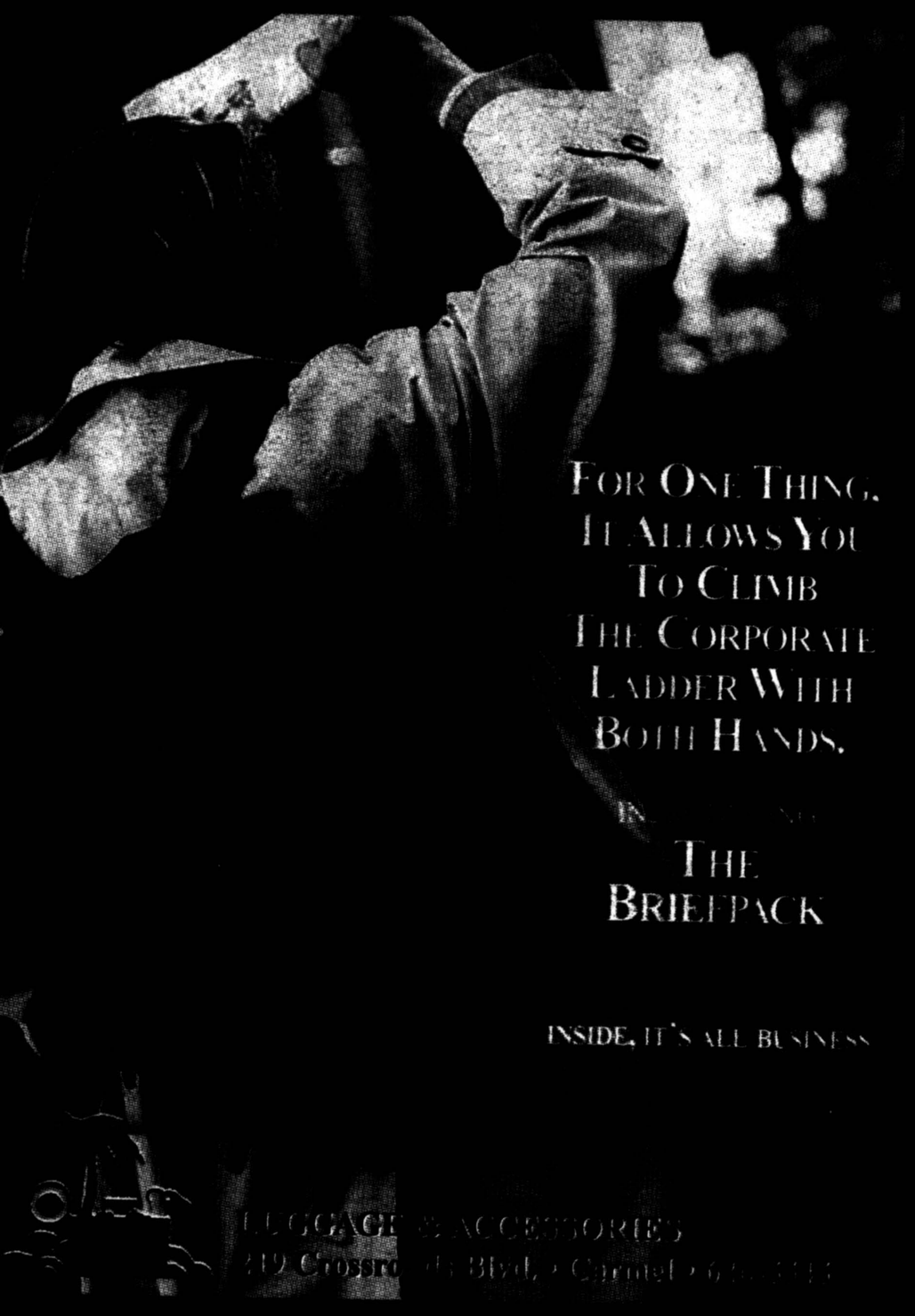

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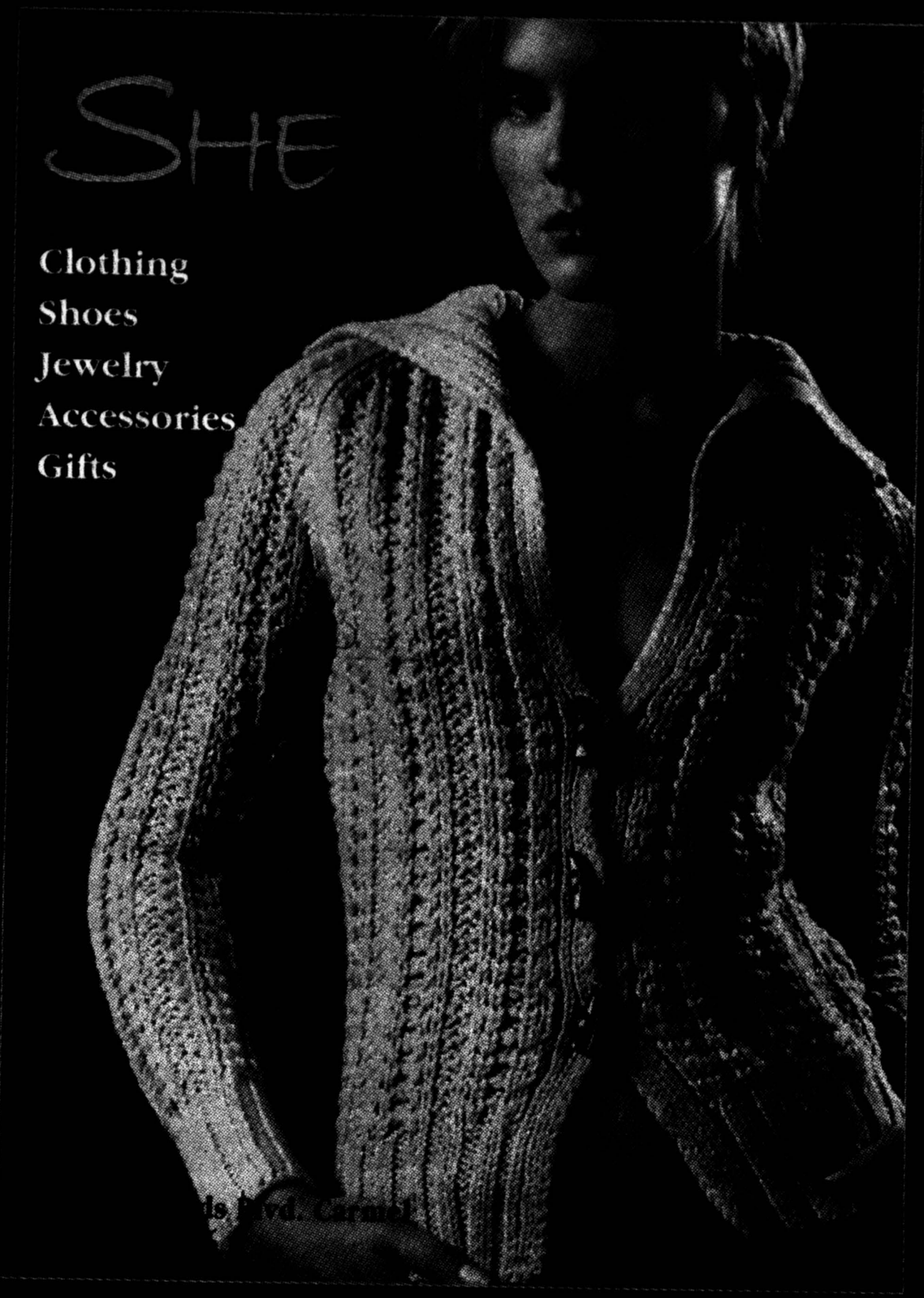

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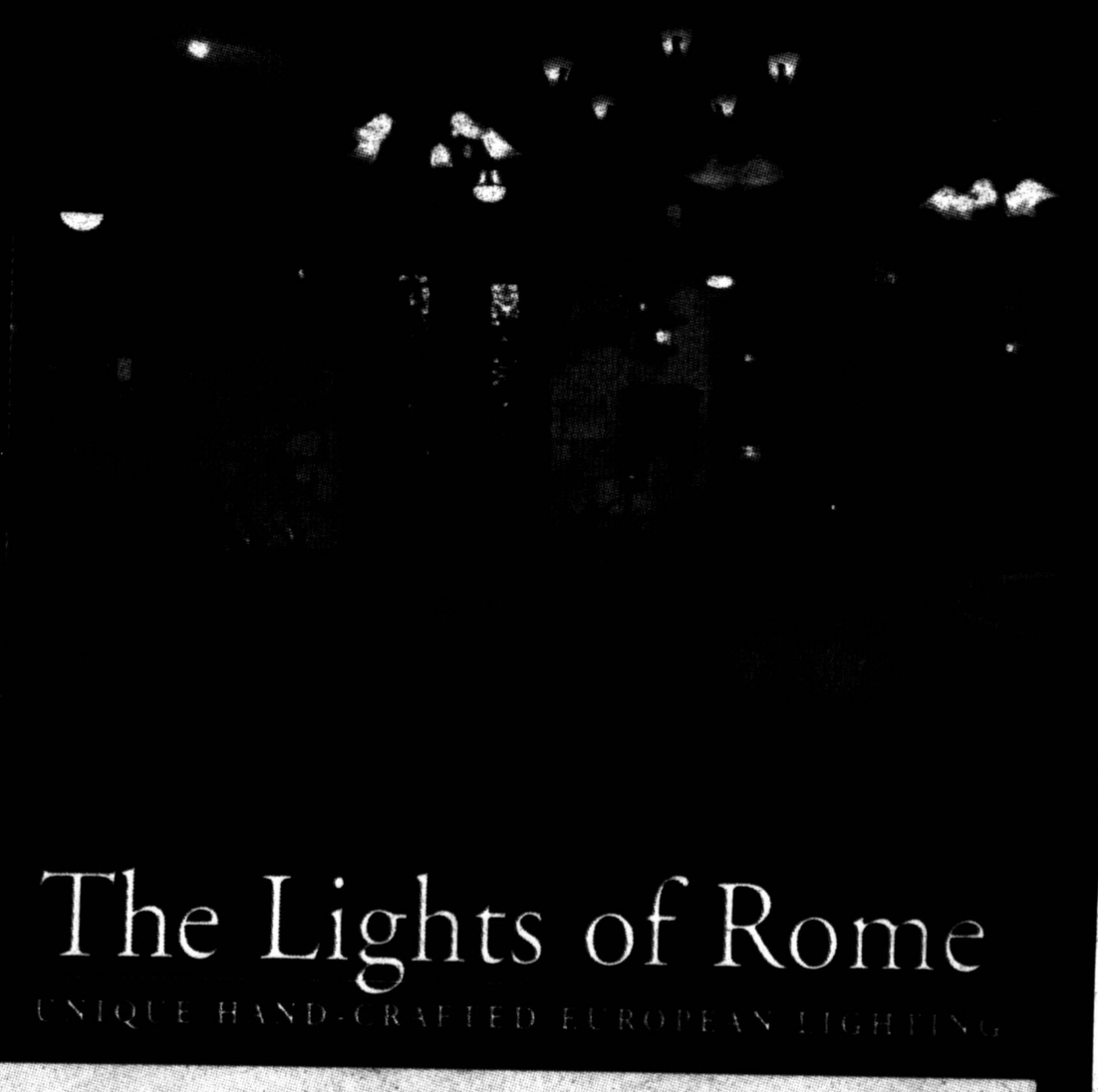

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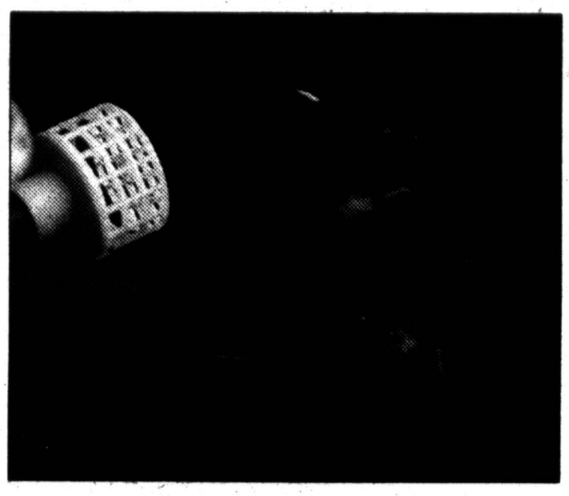

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■ **Crime Prevention Officers Association of Monterey County's Christmas Gifts Program for Kids** seeks donations of new toys for needy children. Goods gathered during the annual CPOAMC drive, which began Nov. 14, will be sent to churches for wrapping and distribution to families without the resources to buy gifts for their children. Drop-off sites include: Salinas P.D., 222 Lincoln St.; the CHP office at 19055 Portola Drive in Salinas; sheriff's community field office at The Crossroads; Monterey P.D., 351 Madison St.; Pacific Grove P.D., 580 Pine Ave.; and Presidio of Monterey P.D., Building 4468, Gigling Road.

■ **Monterey County Sheriff's Office Annual Teddy Bear Drive** collects fuzzy creatures to give to children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present or who need to be comforted during a traumatic event. The coroner's office often takes a teddy when a child might be present during a notification, and the bears also make their way to clinics for adult and child sexual assault victims, the district attorney's victim witness program and programs sponsored by the probation department. The ubiquitous bears often appear in the arms of emergency room personnel and pediatric teams at area hospitals, at crisis groups and in group homes for children. And once a year, they are presented to kids as Christmas gifts via the Migrant Children's Project, Adopt-A-Family, Children's Services International and other special events. New teddy bears or monetary dona-

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Holidays in Pacific Grove

10th Annual Stillwell's Snow in the Park
Saturday, December 6th, 10am to 3pm
Caledonia Park (behind the Post Office) will once again be covered in a blanket of snow and decorated with a holiday theme. Santa will arrive at noon joining the Snowman, Snow Queen, hayrides, petting zoo, and other entertainment.

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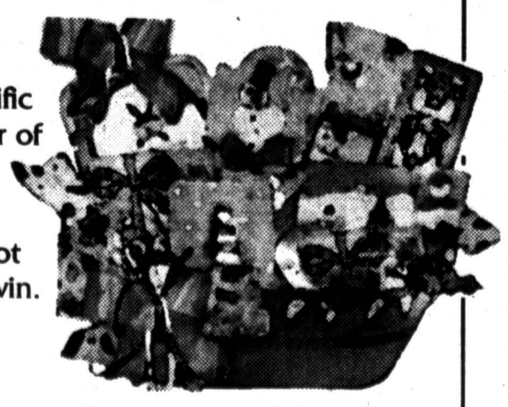

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It's OK — even festive — to encounter Wild Things in the dark

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE SOUND of sleigh bells drifts across the chilly air in the darkness, followed by the sudden sparkle of white lights on every nearby fence and tree. And then the King of the Forest lets out a mighty roar.

Such is the manifestation of the Christmas spirit at Wild Things, which is renowned for its star-studded residents. The Exxon Bengal tigers live there. The lion and baboon who modeled for the Disney animators who drew "The Lion King" are among the esteemed inhabitants, as is the bear who starred in "Made in America."

All are on their best behavior for Wild Things' holiday flashlight tours, held most Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights in December.

Although the River Road ranch and kennel offers daily walks around the

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PHOTOS/COURTESY WILD THINGS

When they're not carrying Santa's sleigh through the night, his reindeer kick up their hooves at Wild Things in Salinas. Meet one during a holiday flashlight tour.

Isn't he handsome? Josef, a famous lion star, will be one of many stunning creatures viewed up close during Wild Things' nighttime flashlight tours.

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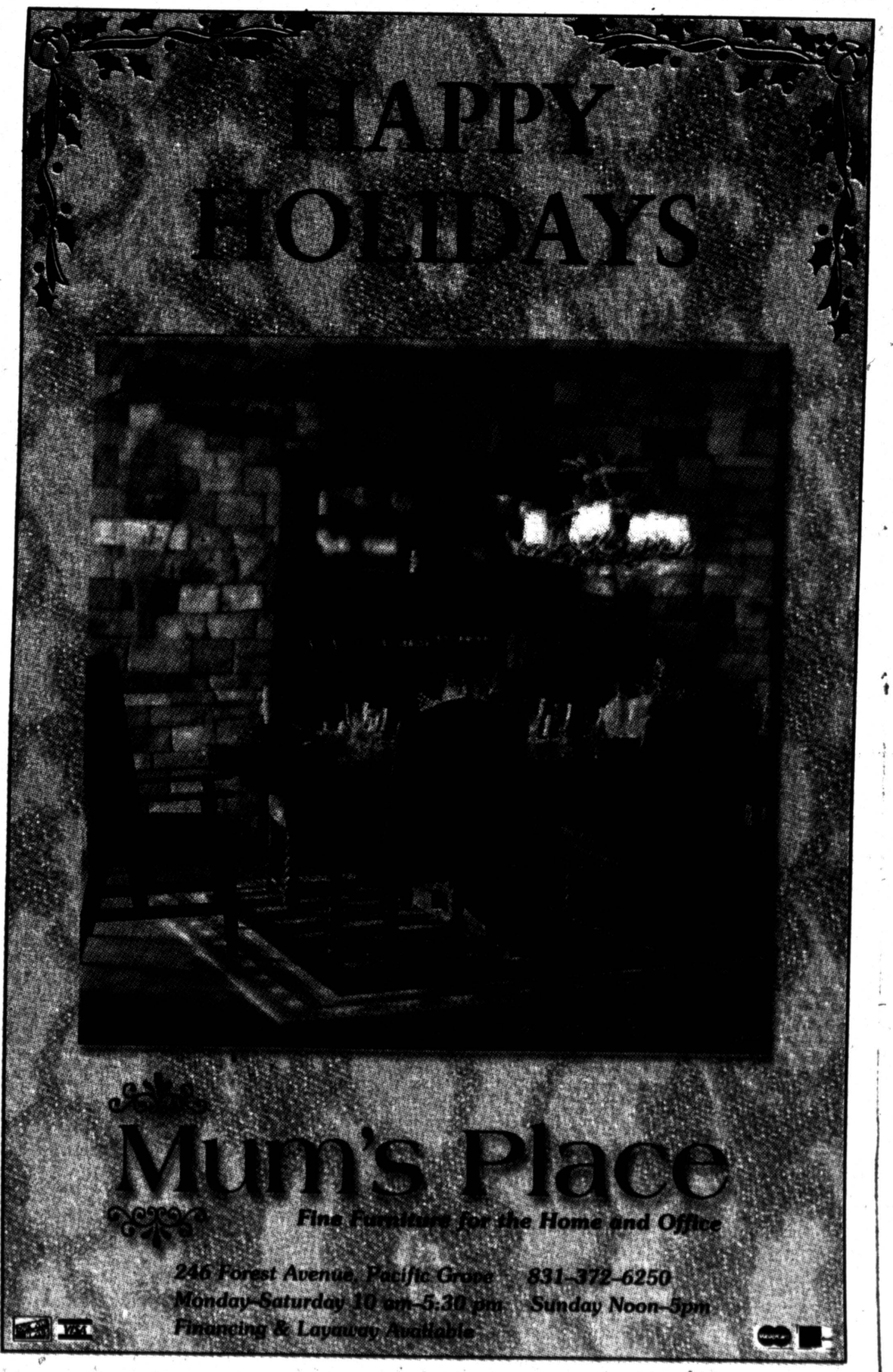
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HOLIDAY EVENTS APLENTY AT CARMEL PLAZA

ON NOV. 28 at noon, Santa will arrive at Carmel Plaza to mark the beginning of a full calendar of holiday events at the shopping center on Ocean Avenue in downtown Carmel.

Free pictures with Santa will be offered from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Nov. 28, on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 1 to 3 p.m., and also on Dec, 5, 6, 20 and 21 (most days, Santa's hours will be noon to 5 p.m.).

On Friday, Dec. 5, the plaza will have its annual Holiday Open House, with more chances for a free picture with Santa, performances by the Cypressaires Singers and ballet dancers from DanceKids of Monterey production of "The Nutcracker." There will also be lots of refreshments and beautiful holiday decorations as stores stay open late.

One week before Christmas, on Dec. 18 from 5 to 8 p.m., Carmel Plaza is also hosting its first Men's Night — a chance for women to get their men out shopping for their favorite gifts. To make shopping fun for men, there will be belly dancers at the Egyptian specialty store TuTarT, and models showing off beautiful clothes at Saks, Talbots and The Dutches. There will also be champagne, coupons, cigars, rich chocolates, pastries, cookies and lots more, including coupons.

Animal friends and handmade teddy bears

Carmel Plaza will also participate in several charity events during the Christmas season.

Red Buckets will be dispersed throughout the center for non-perishable food items, food vouchers, clothing and gifts, and monetary donations for the needy.

Also, the Alzheimer's Association is teaming up with Carmel Plaza to create a special Holiday Boutique for such a worthy cause. Volunteers will sell spectacular, handmade teddy bears (made from fur coats donated by individuals all over Monterey County.) The boutique will be located on Level #1 in front of The Fountain of Woof and will be open Friday, Dec. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Dec. 6, 13 and 20 from noon to 4 p.m.

Also, the Animal Friends Rescue Project will be presenting puppies, dogs and cats for adoption on the second level of Carmel Plaza on Dec. 13 and 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information on any of these events, call 624-0138.

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grounds, the flashlight tours, held only during two months — October for Halloween and December for Christmas — are extra special.

During the hour-and-a-half-long sojourn, a festively attired guide introduces and shares a multitude of facts about many of the animal residents, some of whom have been rescued from negligent owners who possessed them illegally. Wild Things often rescues such "pets," which live out their lives in comfort under care of the staff.

Every animal — from snakes and lemurs to lions and elephants — has a name.

Walking among the cages, flashlights in hand, the tour starts small. Visitors meet the tiny monkeys swinging from limbs inside their chainlink fences. A porcupine shows off her long, coarse quills. Even raccoons, the bane of many Peninsula residents' existence, have a home at Wild Things.

Among the cats, lionesses crouch quietly, watching for possible prey. Bowed-out fences evidence the run-and-pounce instinct in which the females — who in the wild are in charge of bringing home the family's food — still indulge. But when acting, these cats are true stars capable of myriad behaviors.

Around the corner, guests might find a young male lion, a black leopard (when the light's just right, the spots are barely visible), mountain lions and other large cats. Kolar, a tiger whose visage has appeared in calendars and ads in most people's homes, peers out at the visitors, while California mountain lions recline in their cages. Josef, the king not only of the forest, but of the kennel, occasionally releases a low, guttural roar which can be heard miles away. He's calling his pride from across the African plane.

Other inhabitants might be convinced to perform for the guests, like the large African elephant who can bow and the bear who can be fierce or friendly on command.

Those animals, and many more surprises (Perhaps even Santa's reindeer?) await visitors on the Wild Things flashlight tours set for Dec. 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 27 and 28. Tours begin at 6:30 p.m. and run until 8, when guests can enjoy warm refreshments and, for a small fee, be immortalized on film with the aforementioned reindeer.

Tours are limited and often sell out quickly. Ticket prices run $12 for adults and $10 for kids, who should be at least 2 years old. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. For more information, call 455-1901, ext. 3, and to learn more about Wild Things and see a phenomenal list of film, TV and photo credits, visit www.wildthingsinc.com.

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IN A season filled with giving and receiving, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula is hoping healthy residents will give the most valuable gift of all — life. During the holidays and winter months, the need for blood donations of all types, particularly O and A, escalates.

CHOMP urges anyone over the age of 16 and weighing more than 110 pounds to act in the holiday spirit by donating blood during this particularly demanding time of year. Walk-ins are welcome at the CHOMP Blood Center located in Hartnell Professional Center at 576 Hartnell St. in Monterey, Monday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The center is closed during mobile blood drives, so call ahead at 625-8414 to ensure someone will be available.

So that Carmelites have absolutely no excuse not to donate, CHOMP's Bloodmobile will be in Carmel-by-the-Sea at the Carmel Chapter of the American Red Cross, Dolores and Eighth, on Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. As always, the Carmel Chapter's blood drive will include many cheerful volunteers helping at every step of the way, the comforts of the Bloodmobile, and a free lunch, including its famous carrot cake. For more information on the Red Cross, call 624-6921.

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Pine wreaths on the doors and nostalgic architecture at this home at Guadalupe and Fourth in Carmel-by-the-Sea evoke old-fashioned holiday spirit.

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tions may be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Coastal station at 1200 Aguajito Road in Monterey, the Carmel CFO in The Crossroads, the Salinas station at 1414 Natividad Road and the King City station at 250 Franciscan Way.

■ **Monterey Firemen's Association** collects unwrapped new toys in its annual effort to assist needy families. The association accepts donations at all three Monterey Fire Department stations: Station One at Pacific and Madison, Station Two at 582 Hawthorne and Station Three at 401 Dela Vina.

■ **Carmel Fire Department** collects new toys and nonperishable food donations at its station in downtown Carmel-by-the-Sea. Look for the barrels at the firehouse on Sixth Avenue between Mission and San Carlos streets.

■ **Salinas Rural Fire District** accepts donations of new unwrapped toys, books and stuffed animals at all three of its stations, and then distributes them on Christmas day to children living in labor camps and residing at the Kinship Center on River Road. Donations are being accepted at Station One at 19900 Portola Drive in Salinas, Station Two at 24281 Washington St. in Chualar and Station Three on Highway 68 at the foot of Los Laureles Grade.

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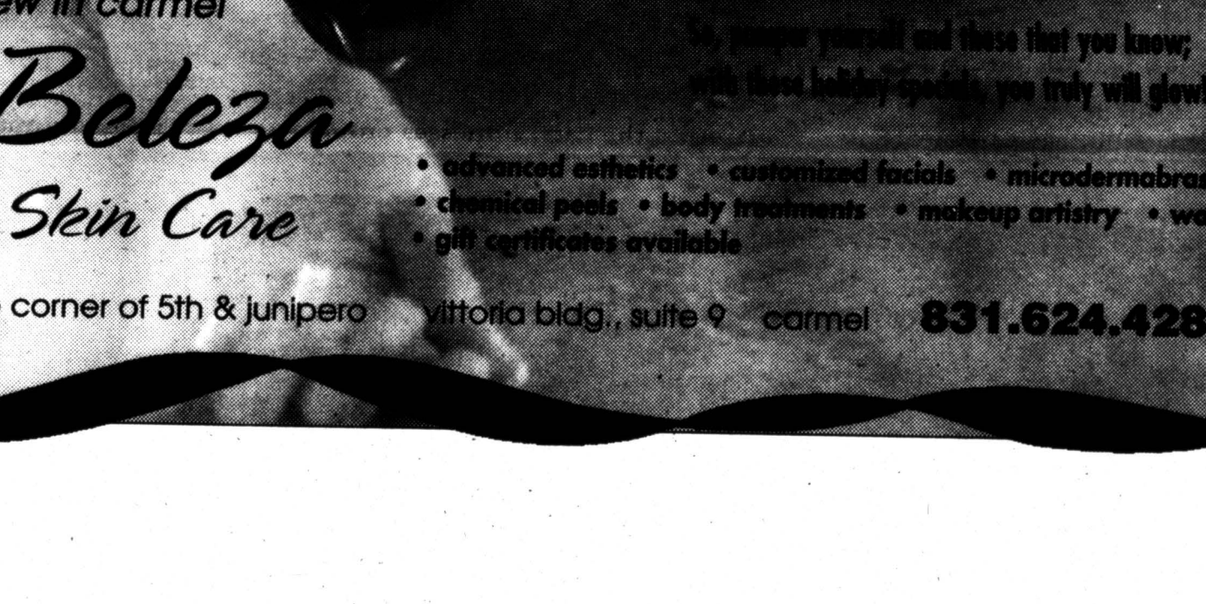

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Two stores aim to keep canine spirits bright

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

TWO UPSCALE pet boutiques opened in downtown Carmel this year, and they offer plenty of fascinating items to keep your favorite pooch happy on Christmas morning, or any other holiday on your family's calendar.

At Diggidy Dog on Mission Street just off Ocean, it's a pretty good treat for a dog just to be taken there. Inside the front door, large vats of cookies are on the floor, tempting a steady stream of K-9 visitors.

"You can tell which treats are the best by which ones get sampled more often," said Annabelle Lund, one of the sales clerks, who added that the store uses local products whenever possible.

In Diggidy Dog's front window, a $600 stuffed dog, standing nearly 3 feet at the shoulder, sports bright red reindeer antlers.

"It can support up to a 110-pound child," said the store's owner, Napisa Pollock.

Inside Diggidy Dog, there are also lots of much more affordable pet-themed gifts, including clocks, calendars, note cards, T-shirts and Christmas tree ornaments. And for the pets themselves, there are food dishes, chew toys, gourmet treats and showy collars galore.

"One of the most popular parts of my store is the pet bakery, which features cannoli, biscotti, doughnuts and, *right now, candy canes and Christmas* cookies — all for dogs," Pollock said.

At Mackie's Parlour on the corner of Ocean and Monte Verde, manager Lynda Mandel said one of this year's biggest sellers is the Lufa Dog — a rugged stuffed toy that particularly appeals to a dog's playful instincts.

"It's in the shape of a dog with an especially large head, and there's a squeaker in there, and when they shake it it gives them a satisfying little punch in the side of the head," she said.

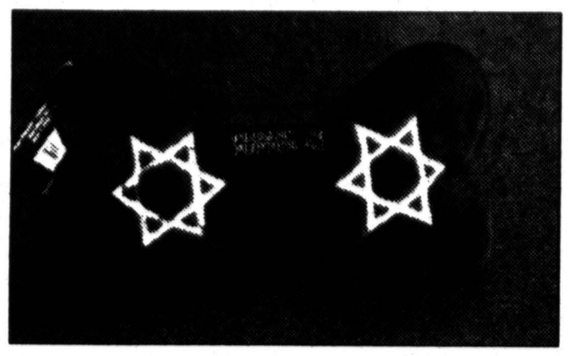
Mackie's Parlour also features home-baked dog cookies, prepared by a Phoenix entrepreneur in her own kitchen, in flavors from "banilla" to peanut butter and sizes from "kid bits" to large.

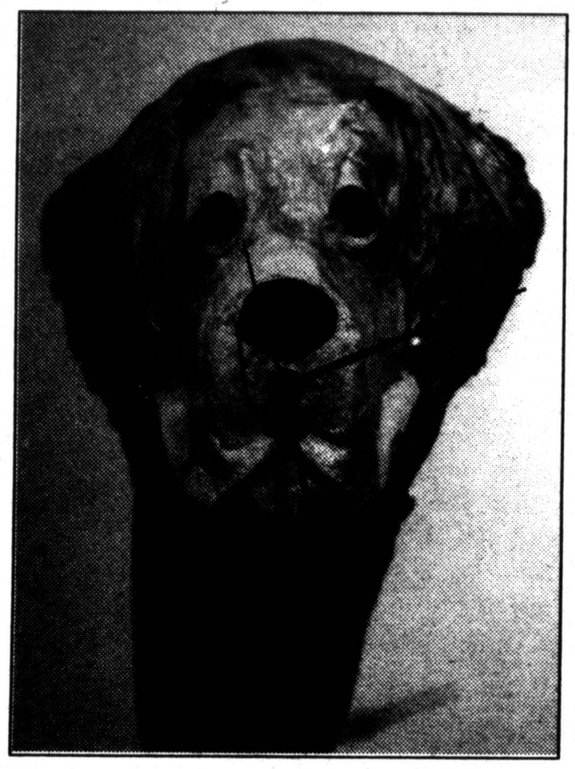
Another big seller is Dogopoly, the canine version of Monopoly. (Catopoly is also available.) There are stockings, wreaths and all sorts of toys with pet themes, not to mention sweaters and coats to ward off the winter's chill when the dog's own coat isn't quite thick enough.

Like Diggidy Dog, Mackie's Parlour encourages shoppers to bring their pets along. And who knows? Besides finding the perfect gift, your dog might find love, Mandel said.

"Last week, we had a long-haired chihuahua in here, and he took one look at a little silky terrier and he just went nuts over her," she said.

The terrier had a particularly amusing talent, according to Mandel. "When her owner said, 'Bang!' she fell right over on her back."





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Star of David chew toys and peanut butter biscuits for pooches share space with canine-themed timepieces to be enjoyed by their human friends at two Carmel pet boutiques — Mackie's Parlour and Diggidy Dog — which opened this year. Items from both stores are also pictures on the cover of this Gift Guide.

Last weekend, a special Santa was on hand at Mackie's Parlour to hear the holiday wishes of all sorts of pet friends, and also for special Christmas photos by Salinas photographer Brett Crannell.

Most of the dogs were perfectly happy to pose with the white-bearded gentleman from the North Pole, especially with the store's staff vigorously squeezing squeak toys just above Crannell's head to keep the dogs facing the camera.

But two of the dogs took one look at Santa and refused to cooperate. "We ended up having them pose with their owners on Santa's bench and he snuck in behind just in time for the photo to be snapped," Mandel said.

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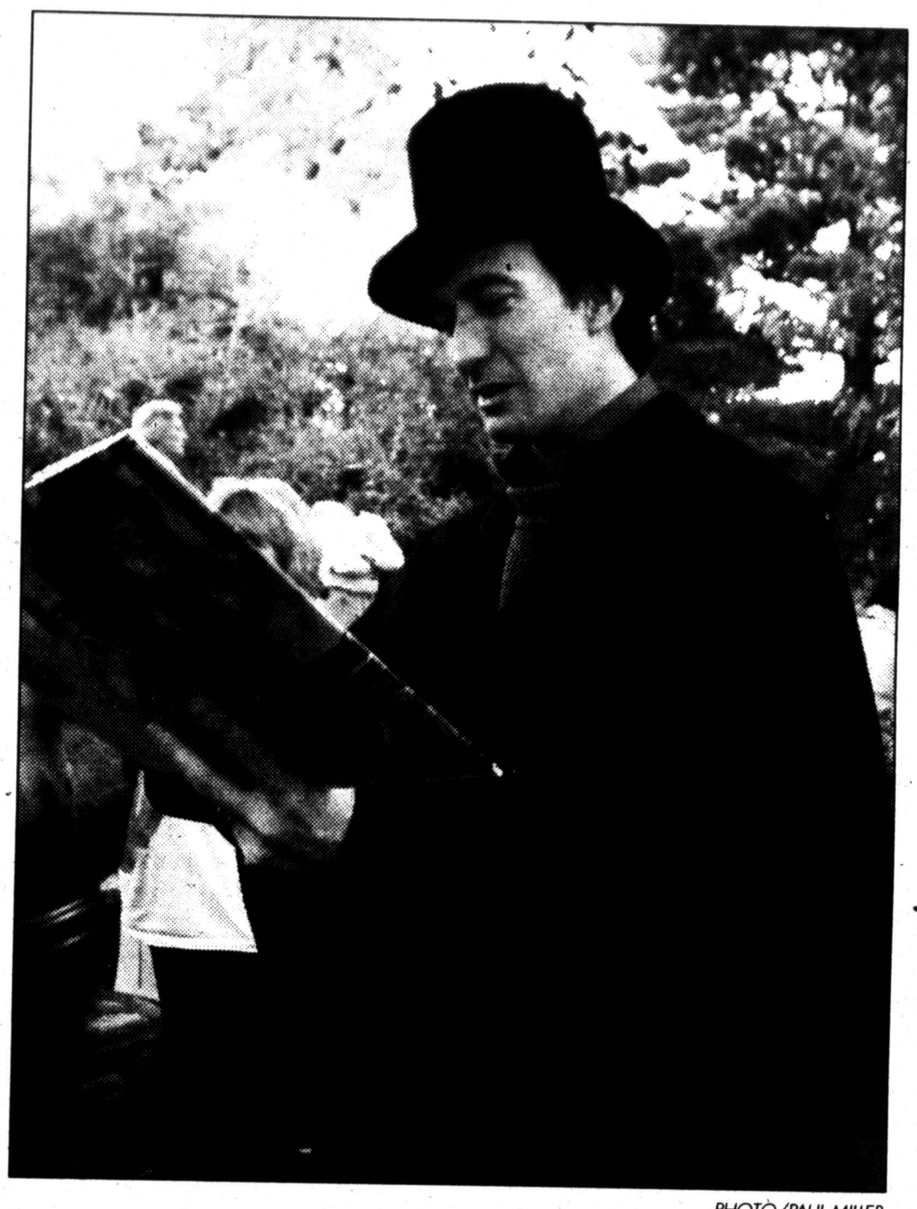
Carmel tree lighting Dec. 5

THE SPLENDID tree at Ocean Avenue and Junipero in downtown Carmel-by-the-Sea will begin to glow Dec. 5 during the city's annual Christmas tree lighting celebration. The festivities are set to begin in Devendorf Park at 4 p.m., with games for the kids, followed at 4:30 by the arrival of Santa Claus with the help of the Carmel Fire Department. Children's voices will fill the air with merry songs by the Carmel Middle School Chorus and Carmel Junior Girl Scout and Brownie troops, and favorite theater personality Stephen Moorer will recite "'Twas the Night Before Christmas." At the culmination of the celebration, Mayor Sue McCloud will flip the switch to light the tree at 5:45 p.m., rain or shine.

Questions? Call 620-2020.



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Stephen Moorer, founder of Pacific Repertory Theatre, is expected to return to the Carmel tree lighting ceremony this year to read "'Twas the Night Before Christmas."

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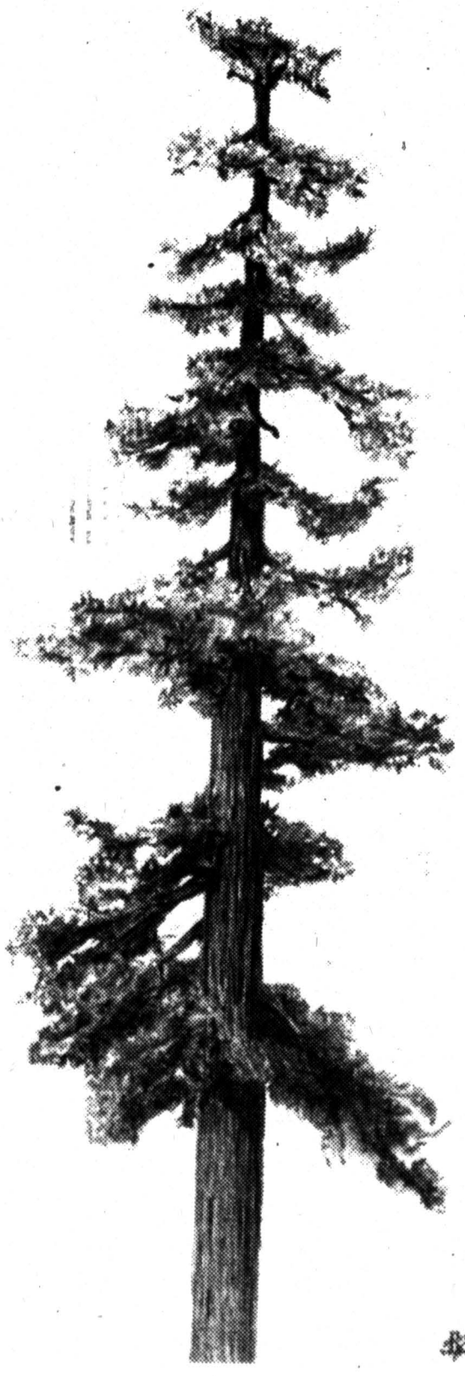

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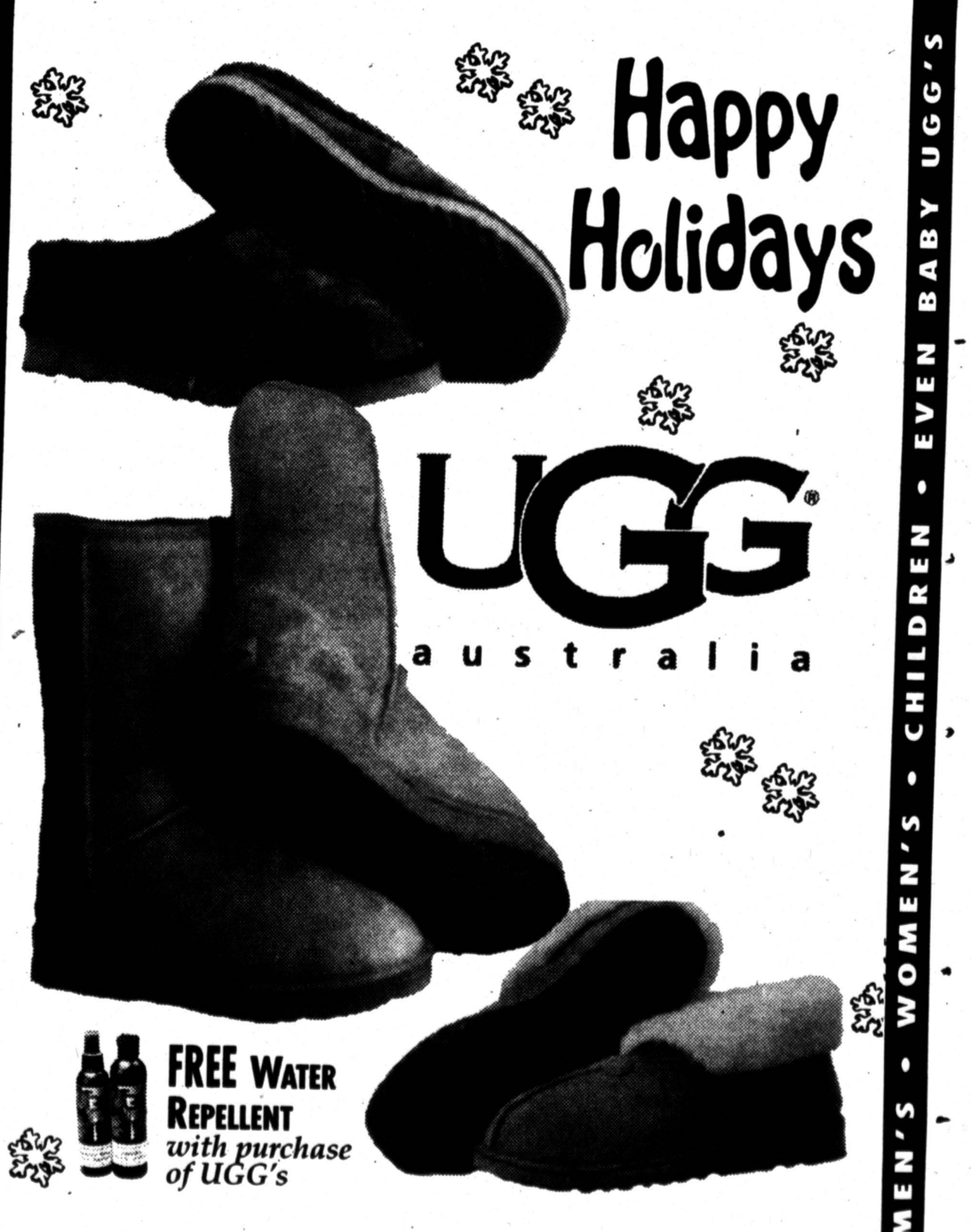
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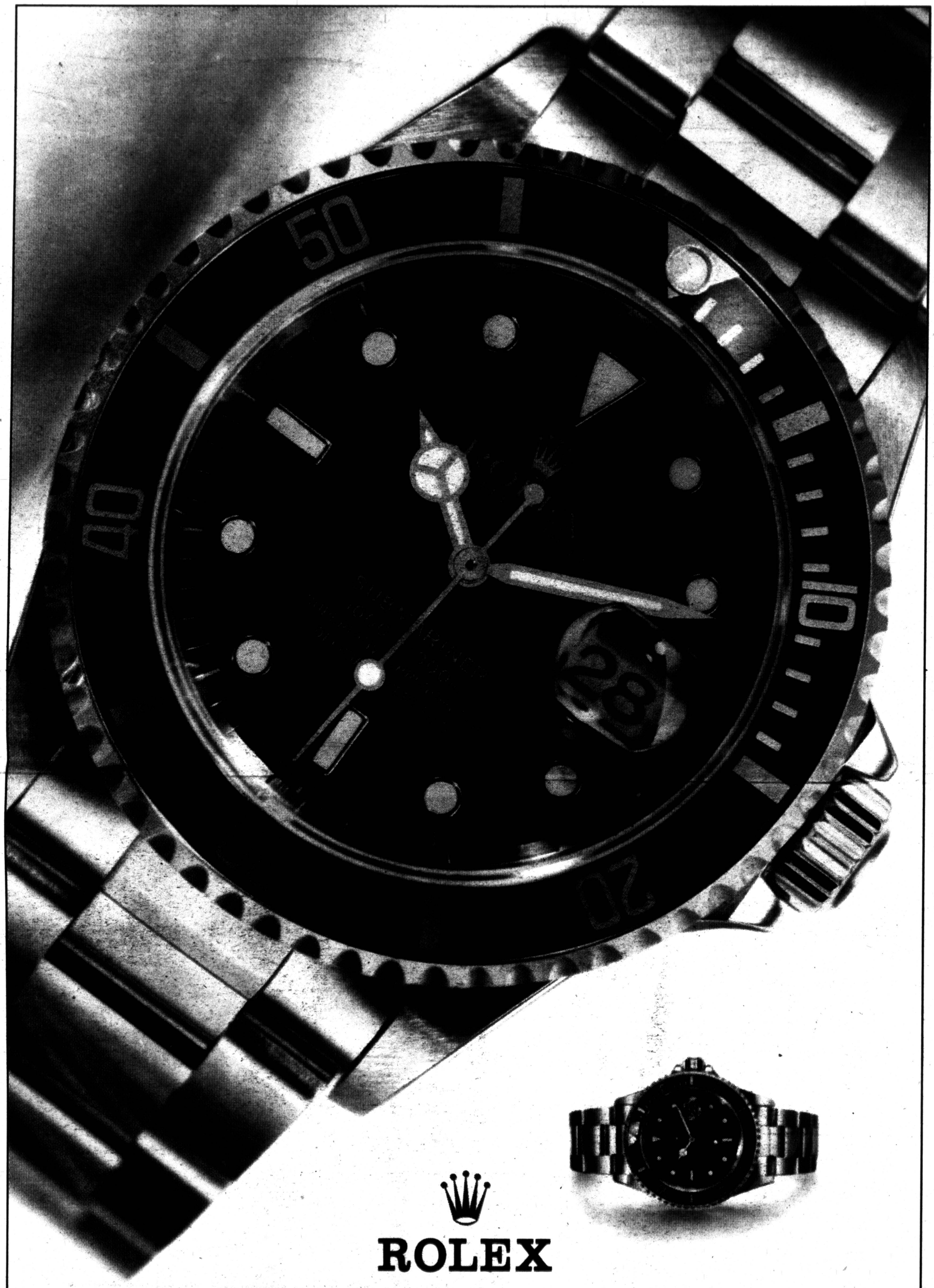

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